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Status: Actual
Severity: Moderate
Message Type: Update NH-HAN #20100806-1 Arboviral Update for Public Health Partners
Sensitive: Not Sensitive
Message Identifier: NH-HAN #20100820-1 EEE Identified in Horse—Freedom, NH
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Originating Agency: NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services

DATE: August 20, 2010

TIME: 1230 EDT

TO: NH Health Officers, DPHS Outbreak Team, Zoonotic Alert Team, DPHS-
Investigation Team, DPHS Management Team, Public Health Network, MMRS,
MRC

FROM: Sharon Alroy-Preis, MD, MPH, NH State Epidemiologist

SUBJECT: Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Identified in Horse—Freedom, NH

NH Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) recommends:

1. Emphasize prevention measures for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) including avoiding mosquito bites by use of protective clothing and insect repellents, and environmental reduction of mosquito populations.
2. An equine vaccine for EEE and WNV is available and should be used to protect horses. There is no recommended vaccine for humans.
3. Please see the prior HAN dated August 6, 2010 for additional arboviral background information. It can be found at the following link:
<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/CDCS/han.htm>

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) has received a report of a horse with confirmed Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in Freedom NH. This is the first recognized EEE activity in NH this season. Trapping and testing of mosquitoes in the area is being done to evaluate the level of EEE activity and the risk to the public.

For any questions regarding the contents of this message, please contact the NH Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at 603-271-4496. Call after hours/toll free at 800-852-3345, ext. 4496.

Attachment: EEE Fact Sheet

DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ALERTING VOCABULARY

Message Type

- Alert: Indicates an original alert
Update: Indicates prior alert has been updated and superseded
Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Status

- Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event
Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

Severity

- Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe: Significant threat to life or property
Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

Sensitive

- Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert.

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required.

Originating Agency: A guaranteed unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

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