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The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) announced on 8/19/19 that EEE virus has been detected in mosquitos collected from areas within the Mayflower Council boundaries. As a consequence of this detection the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has raised the EEE risk level for many of these areas.

EEE is a rare but serious illness spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. While EEE can infect people of all ages, people under 15 years of age or over 50 years of age are at greatest risk for serious illness.

By taking a few, common-sense precautions, people can help to protect themselves and their loved ones:

Avoid Mosquito Bites

- **Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours.** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning. If you are outdoors at any time and notice mosquitoes around you, take steps to avoid being bitten by moving indoors, covering up and/or wearing repellent. Avoid outside areas with obvious mosquito activity
- **Clothing Can Help to reduce mosquito bites.** Although it may be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-

sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin. Sleep with mosquito netting.

- **Apply Insect Repellent when you go outdoors.** Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions on the product label. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin. Wear mosquito repellent when outdoors, especially between dawn and dusk.

The Mayflower Council will continue to work with the Boards of Health, the MDPH and other agencies.

For the most up to date information about EEE and reports of current and historical EEE virus activity in Massachusetts visit the MDPH website at www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito

September Training Newsletter

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Tons of Training on Tap



° = pre-registration required * = online registration open
* = counts toward basic requirements for adults

Scout Leader Skills

- Sep 27-28°** IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Bolton)
- Sep 28** Cub Leader Training Fest (Franklin)
- Sep 28** Den Chief Training (Franklin)
- Sep 28-29** Leave No Trace Trainer Training (Sudbury)
- Oct 5** Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Braintree)
- Oct 5-6** BALOO for Cub Leaders (Plymouth)
- Oct 19-20°** IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Wrentham)
- Oct 26** Cub Leader Training Fest (Hingham)
- Oct 26** Den Chief Training (Hingham)
- Nov 2** Venturing Leader Training Fest (Canton)
- Nov 9°** Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Hudson)
- Nov 9°** Troop Committee Position-Specific (Hudson)
- Nov 9** Den Chief Training (Hudson)
- Nov 16** Tread Lightly Trainer Training (Hudson)
- Dec 7°** Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Foxboro)
- Dec 7** Den Chief Training (Foxboro)

First Aid

- Sep 7** CPR/AED (Canton)
- Sep 14** Red Cross First Aid (Canton)
- Oct 15° CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- Oct 19-20° Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
- Nov 12° CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- Nov 19° Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
- Dec 7° CPR/AED (Location TBA)

Quick Notes

District Committee Position-Specific Training is now online! Starting this fall, you can now earn your "Trained" status online at <https://my.scouting.org>.

Reminder: Youth Protection Training (YPT) is on a two-year cycle. Our council follows the national standard. If you last took YPT in 2018, you'll need to renew it in 2020.

Hazardous Weather Training is the only thing standing between many of our "direct contact" leaders and the "Trained" patch. (It shows up as SCO_800 in unit training records.) It's only available at <https://my.scouting.org>. The BSA has not authorized an in-person version.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration: www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- BSA online training: <https://my.scouting.org>
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EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!

Kickoff for All Cub Leaders!

Join us in Franklin on 9/28 or Hingham on 10/26 for our Cub Scout Leader Training Festivals! This event includes training, resources to save you a trip to the office, and activities for youth while their parents get trained. Pre-registration is appreciated. Lunch is \$5; the rest is free!

Morning session (8:30-12:30):

- Position-specific training for your role (Den Leader, Cubmaster, or Committee Member). This is part of the requirements to earn the "Trained" patch. We're following the new national curriculum, which requires a full four hours—similar to online, but more fun!
- A variety of 1-hour workshops for people who've already taken position-specific training. Register now to tell us what specific topics you'd like us to include!

Afternoon session (12:30-2:00):

- Supplemental position-specific training for anyone who took the morning session and wants to be covered for additional positions.
- Additional workshops on topics of interest.

Making Sense of Training Records

We get a lot of questions about training records. Here are a few answers and tips:

- Every adult leader's *official* training record is the BSA's national database, called "ScoutNet."
- <https://my.scouting.org> is the way to see your official training record. Log in with your account.
- If your unit uses "Scoutbook" software, your training record in Scoutbook will NOT automatically match the official ScoutNet database. The BSA says they're working on making an automated connection eventually. Until then, update Scoutbook on your own.
- Your unit's "key three" can view *and fix* records in My.Scouting for all leaders in the unit. They can also designate a few more people to have this access. Visit https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/idg/Security_Manager.pdf for instructions on delegating access.

If you took a training course but it's not showing up in your record, this could be happening for several reasons:

- Software glitch or multiple My.Scouting accounts
- Took training long ago, before there was a database
- Took training but it wasn't entered into database
- Took training with another council who didn't send us the records

A member of your unit "key three" can fix your record. Your district training chair can also help. Please show a copy of your training card or certificate to get credit.