

Mosquito-borne Illness Communications Calendar

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January

Date(s)	Event	Data/Sources	Key Messages

February

Date(s)	Event	Data/Sources	Key Messages
February 17-21	February School Break	• Travelers info sheet	Malaria, Yellow Fever, and Dengue Fever are the most common mosquito-borne illnesses that are picked up while traveling.

March

Date(s)	Event	Data/Sources	Key Messages
Late-March	Gardening/Landscaping Season Begins	• Protect Self & Home example • What to look for	

April

Date(s)	Event	Data/Sources	Key Messages
April 7-13	National Public Health Week	• WNV • CDC WNV • EEE	WNV is the most common mosquito-borne illness in the US. There are no vaccines available for WNV. The best way to prevent WNV is to prevent mosquito bites. EEE is rare but very serious. No vaccines are available, best prevention is to prevent mosquito bites.

May

Date(s)	Event	Data/Sources	Key Messages
May	Mosquito Season Begins	• Filling tree holes • Larvicides • Find the Right Repellant for You	Yard Maintenance tips: • Empty and scrub containers with standing water once per week. • Drain water from any containers when not in use. • Mow lawn regularly and cut down weeds near the home. • Keep rain barrels tightly covered or screened.
May 26	Memorial Day	• Bite Prevention • Summer Protection	Use EPA-registered repellants, wear loose-fitting and long-sleeved clothing, and wear clothing and gear treated with permethrin.
Late May	Tourism Season Begins	• Cape Cod Risk • MA Mosquitos • Cape Cod Mosquito Illnesses	• Cape Cod Mosquito Infographic

June

Date(s)	Event	Data/Sources	Key Messages
June 15-21	National Mosquito Control Awareness Week	• Aerial Spraying Fact Sheet- CDC • Indoor Spraying- CDC • Outdoor Spraying- CDC • State & Local Mosquito Control -	Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project uses the most effective, yet least environmentally invasive mosquito control techniques: inspection, pest threshold, application, and monitoring.

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Jul

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July	EEE risk increases	• EEE • Arbovirus Updates	Massachusetts Department of Public Health tests for EEE and WNV from June to October. You can follow the surveillance HERE

August

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August 20	World Mosquito Day	• Peak onset for EEE & WNV (2020 Summary Surveillance in MA)	

September

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October

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October 19-25	National Health Education Week		• Summer may be over, but mosquito season is not! -until first hard frost

November

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December

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