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# Press Release

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For a number of years Dragon Mosquito Control has been retained by the Town of Plymouth, the Plymouth School District, and Plymouth State University to aid in our Eastern Equine Encephalitis (E.E.E.), and West Nile Virus (W.N.V.) Prevention Program. This program includes the trapping, and testing of mosquitoes in our community, as well as portions of Plymouth State University-including some of their property in the Town of Holderness. Dragon Mosquito Control informed the Town of Plymouth on August 4, 2010 that their mosquito collection efforts in Plymouth have revealed that we have a high number (Approximately ten times what they normally see.) of *Culiseta melanura* mosquitoes. This type of mosquito is the primary vector of Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

While we have not seen any E.E.E.-W.N.V. positive test results as yet, residents are urged to adhere to the guidelines outlined by the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services when it comes to the prevention of these diseases. These guidelines include the use of mosquito repellent, and avoiding the outdoors at dusk. Detailed prevention guidelines are being included with this notice. More information can also be found at the N.H.D.H.H.S. website:

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/CDCS/West+Nile+Virus/default.htm>

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact the Information Hotline of the N.H.D.H.H.S. at 1-866-273-6453, or the Plymouth Fire Department at 603-536-1253.

Deputy Chief Tom Morrison.