

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of a mosquito infected with the virus. It can cause severe illness and possibly lead to death in any age group; however, people under the age of 15 are at particular risk.

You can take personal precautions against mosquito bites by staying indoors during dusk and dawn. Other steps families can take to reduce the risk of EEE include using EPA-approved bug spray, wearing long sleeves and pants while outdoors, covering garbage cans, removing birdbaths, and discarding auto tires or other containers that hold water.

For more information visit the NJ Department of Health website at <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/eee.shtml>



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