



SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

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To: TruGreen Lawn Care
Melissa Mack, First Selectwoman
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From: Timothy M. Van Tasel, Superintendent

Date: September 25, 2019

Re: TruGreen Pesticide Application

On September 24, 2019, the Suffield Public Schools was notified by the North Central District Health Department that a mosquito carrying Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was identified in the community of South Windsor. The community of South Windsor borders our health district, and suggests that mosquitos carrying the virus, which have been more prominent in southern Connecticut, are now spreading throughout the state.

Although the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection have not identified any mosquitos carrying this virus in the community of Suffield, we have decided to take proactive steps in hopes of mitigating the likelihood of human exposure. One of the measures we have authorized is the use of a mosquito control spray around all school facilities. Suffield High School, Suffield Middle School, McAlister Intermediate School and A.W. Spaulding School will all be receiving treatments. The spray will be delivered through a back-pack mist blower, and be applied to all tree lines and garden areas that are on school property.

The application of the organic spray, Mosquito Free by Garden Girls Repellents LLC, (please see the materials data sheet below) will occur at 4:00 am on Friday morning, September 27, 2019 by licensed applicators of TruGreen Lawn Care . If the company is unable to complete all schools prior to the start of the school day, they will return at a time when school is not in session.