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Aerial Spraying for Mosquitoes Set for Friday

Jefferson County Public Health Service will begin aerial spraying in an effort to reduce the mosquito populations carrying the potentially deadly Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus. The spraying will take place at dusk on Friday, August 21. If needed, continued spraying will occur the following day at dusk. The spraying will occur in the Perch Lake area.

Aerial spraying is used to reduce mosquito populations. It is imperative that people continue to take steps to protect themselves against mosquitoes. People should continue to limit their outdoor activities around dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active, use insect repellents and wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, shoes and socks when outdoors.

Officials also recommend eliminating standing water around the home.

For information about the product being used and the exact map of where spraying will occur go to www.jcphs.org