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September 18, 2020

RE: Pesticide Application and EEE

Dear Western Community,

It is still 2020 and we have yet another challenge to keep our eye on. In recent weeks, there have been reports of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) on the east side of Jackson County. While this problem doesn't seem to be as widespread as it was last fall, we are going to take measures to do our best to reduce the possibility of EEE exposure on our athletic fields.

On Sunday, September 20th, we have a licensed vendor spraying several of our athletic fields and surrounding areas with a pesticide. This spraying will occur between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We are asking that people avoid the following areas on Sunday:

- Football practice field HS & MS as well as surrounding tree line.
- Football Game Field
- Soccer "Panther Bowl"
- Soccer practice field

Again, this is a precautionary measure. In these crazy times, going the extra step to bring a little peace of mind helps ease the angst of our student athletes, staff, parents and community members. Other precautions you can take as an individual include:

- Apply insect repellants containing DEET to any exposed skin.
- Wear long sleeved shirt and pants when outdoors.
- Avoid trips to heavily wooded or swampy areas.

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions at 517-841-8171.

Sincerely,



Michael Smajda