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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Update: Aerial Spraying Locations and Opt-Out Information

**(Allegan, MI)— Update-** The two areas in Allegan County will be scheduled at a later date for aerial spraying are located in the South East area of Trowbridge Township (where the confirmed deer was found) and South East area of Gun Plain Township (within a 2.5 mile radius of a confirmed deer in Barry County). **The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will be updating the website: [www.Michigan.gov/EEE](http://www.Michigan.gov/EEE) every morning by 9:00am on aerial spraying locations taking place on the evening. If an individual wishes to opt out of the application, under Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) rules, an area of 1,000 x 1,000 feet would not be sprayed around the residence. You may send an email with your name and full residential address to [eee@michigan.gov](mailto:eee@michigan.gov). The request to opt out of spraying must be received at least 48 hours before spraying begins.**

The product being used is called Merus 3.0. **The application dosage is 1 tablespoon per the size of a football field.** It is an EPA-registered, organic botanical adult mosquito insecticide containing five percent pyrethrins, which are naturally found in chrysanthemum flowers. Merus 3.0 can be used around organic crops and gardens. In general, health risks are not expected during or after spraying. No special precautions are recommended; however, residents and individuals who have known sensitivities to pyrethrins can reduce potential exposure by staying indoors during spraying. Aerial spraying is not expected to have any impacts on surface water or drinking water.

Allegan County Health Department encourages residents to visit [www.Michigan.gov/EEE](http://www.Michigan.gov/EEE) for updated information, frequently asked questions, and additional questions every morning.

For previous news releases on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) from Allegan County Health Department, visit [www.allegancounty.org/health](http://www.allegancounty.org/health)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS:**

- [Allegan County Fight The Bite: Mosquito Bite Prevention and Awareness](#)

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