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Board of Health votes to rescind field closure

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The Hanover Board of Health at their regularly scheduled meeting on October 22, 2013 voted to rescind the field closure as of 8AM Friday, October 25, 2013.

While the Hanover Board of Health voted to reopen the fields they would still like to advise caution if you are outdoors at night. Most of the mosquitos will have been killed off with the frost, but a few may still be active during warmer temperatures and people should still be careful when outdoors at night.

By taking a few, common-sense precautions, people can help to protect themselves and their loved ones:

Avoid Mosquito Bites

- **Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours** - The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning. Otherwise, take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing.
- **Clothing Can Help** reduce mosquito bites. Although it may be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.
- **Apply Insect Repellent** when you go outdoors. Use a repellent with **DEET** (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), **permethrin**, **picaridin** (KBR 3023), **IR3535** or **oil of lemon eucalyptus** [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin.

Information about EEE and reports of EEE virus activity in Massachusetts during 2013 can be found on the MDPH website at www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito .