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Monthly Update

It seemed like it rained every day in June. A miserably wet start to summer has kept people inside and may have thwarted the movement of mosquitoes early in the season. Dreary weather won't hold mosquitoes back indefinitely. Everyone is eager for sunny weather and mosquitoes are eager to see us.

All that rain filled a variety of mosquito habitats including manmade containers, catch basins and woodland depressions. Dragon crews have checked and treated wetlands. To reduce the number of mosquitoes that can spread disease even further, homeowners should frequently dump standing water from containers in their yards.

Limited trapping of adult mosquitos began in June. The State Lab in Concord tested mosquitoes for Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) one month earlier this year. The illness is considered serious, but rare. Many people infected with JCV do not have symptoms. People with compromised immune systems may exhibit symptoms in 3-10 days. Initial symptoms can include fever, fatigue, and headache.

Mosquitoes collected in Keene and Fremont have tested positive for Jamestown Canyon Virus in June. Many different species of mosquitoes carry JCV and deer serve as a reservoir host. Jamestown Canyon Virus has infected at least 19 humans in New Hampshire since 2013 including 2 deaths.

In June Dragon Crews have:

- Checked wetlands for mosquito larvae
- Treated larvae with Bti as needed
- Responded to house calls
- Trapped, processed and identified adult mosquitoes
- Sent select species to the State Lab for Jamestown Canyon Virus testing

As always, the best way to prevent all mosquito borne disease is to avoid mosquito bites. Check out the attached information sheet on ways to prevent mosquito bites.