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The Bay County Health Department has received a report of a human case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). This individual was hospitalized and has already been released.

EEE is a form of encephalitis that is spread by mosquitoes. An increase in mosquitoes and diseases they carry can be expected any time heavy rains occur. Therefore, the citizens of Bay County are encouraged to be vigilant about emptying any containers of standing water---old tires, bird baths, wading pools, etc. In addition, protective clothing and mosquito repellent containing DEET should be worn for outdoor activities, particularly from dusk to dawn.

For additional information about preventing mosquito-borne illnesses, please call Bay County Health Department's Epidemiology Division at 872-4720 Ext. 269.