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FW: Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) Mosquito Surveillance Update

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Mon, Jun 29, 2026 at 12:08 PM

From: Madison Bailey <mbailey@exeternh.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2026 9:55 AM
To: Paul Cohen <pcohen@exeternh.gov>
Subject: Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) Mosquito Surveillance Update

Hi Paul,

I wanted to provide a quick update regarding the recent positive Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) mosquito surveillance result in Exeter.

I was not informed of the positive test result until last Thursday. Per the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, this is not considered a significant concern at this time. There have been no human or animal cases of JCV identified in New Hampshire this year, and this is currently an isolated positive mosquito batch from routine surveillance.

Since being notified, I have been in contact with our mosquito control contractor to discuss the finding and ensure we are aware of any recommended next steps. At this time, no additional actions beyond our routine surveillance and control efforts have been recommended.

I've attached the NH Arboviral Surveillance Bulletin for your reference, which includes the test results.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Thanks,

Madison Bailey, MPH

Health Officer

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New Hampshire Arbovirus Surveillance Bulletin #3

ROUTINE TEST RESULTS
MMWR Week 24 June 14, 2026 – June 20, 2026

HUMANS		Number Tested	WNV Positive [¥]	EEEV Positive [¥]	JCV Positive [¥]	POW Positive [¥]
CURRENT YEAR	Week	2	0	0	0	0
	YTD	12	0	0	0	1
Prior Years	2025	31	0	0	1	4
	2024	69	1 ^{Ⓞ, €}	5 [£]	3 ^{Ⓞ, €}	3
	2023	40	1	0	2	4 [£]
	2022	26	0	0	0	0
	2021	45	1 ^{£, €}	0	5	1 [£]

[¥] Confirmatory testing completed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There is a delay between testing and result confirmation.

[£] Testing performed by commercial or other state laboratory.

[€] At least one Infection was likely acquired out of state.

[Ⓞ] At least one individual tested positive for more than one arbovirus.

ANIMALS		Number Tested	WNV Positive	EEEV Positive
CURRENT YEAR	Week	0	0	0
	YTD	1	0	0
Prior Years	2025	2	0	0
	2024	11	0	7
	2023	9	0	1
	2022	0	0	0
	2021	3	0	0

MOSQUITO BATCHES*		Number Tested	WNV Positive	EEEV Positive	JCV Positive
CURRENT YEAR	Week [‡]	211	0	0	1
	YTD	367	0	0	1
Prior Years	2025	5381	11	1	16
	2024	4454	7	15	3
	2023	8360	2	2	14
	2022	1829	8	0	2
	2021	8068	6	0	14 [Ⓐ]

* A mosquito batch is a collection of mosquitoes sorted by species, date of collection, and trap location.

† This week, mosquitoes were submitted from Cheshire, Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties for routine surveillance.

α Detections were part of an enhanced surveillance project.

TEST RESULT SUMMARIES 2026 YEAR TO DATE

MOSQUITO BATCHES

Town or City	Date Collected	Species	Virus Result
Exeter	06/16/2026	<i>Ochlerotatus provocans</i>	Jamestown Canyon Virus

ANIMALS

There have been no animal cases of EEEV, WNV or JCV identified in New Hampshire in 2026 to date.

HUMANS

There have been no human cases of EEEV, WNV or JCV identified in New Hampshire in 2026 to date.

Data notes:

1. Data provided are those for which final results are available. Data are current as of 6/24/2026.
2. Test results include only those specimens tested with results finalized during the week being reported on. Pending results from the previous week are not included.
3. Prior years' data is cumulative.
4. YTD = All specimens submitted beginning 01/01/2026 through the week being reported on.
5. WNV = West Nile virus. EEEV = Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus. JCV = Jamestown Canyon Virus. POW = Powassan Virus

Use the following link to view the locations of positive test results and regional risk maps:

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/disease-prevention/infectious-disease-control/mosquito-borne-illnesses>

For more information regarding these data, contact Marco Notarangelo, Vectorborne Disease Surveillance Coordinator, at (603) 271-0273 or marco.notarangelo@dhhs.nh.gov.

2026 New Hampshire Town Sponsored Mosquito Trapping, Current Locations

- Trapping
- No Trapping



From: NHMA Advocacy <advocacy@nhmunicipal.org>
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To: Paul Cohen <pcohen@exeternh.gov>
Subject: Legislative Alert: Contact Governor on HB 340



Legislative Alert: Contact Governor on HB 340

House Bill 340, opposed by NHMA, may reach the governor's desk soon, and NHMA is asking members to **express their opposition to the bill now**.

- **HB 340 fundamentally changes the purpose of RSA 659:44-a (Electioneering by Public Employees) from prohibiting public employees from engaging in direct advocacy to creating uncertainty and liability for public employees trying to do their jobs and engage the public.** It establishes a \$1,000 fine for public employees who disseminate information to the public that traditionally has been viewed as educational, informational, or part of ordinary public engagement. The result is a chilling effect on legitimate governmental communication and employee participation in public policy discussions.
- **HB 340 establishes a concerning low threshold, making it likely that surveys conducted by municipal government and used to engage the public could trigger complaints of electioneering.** Surveys and questionnaires serve as a staple for many municipalities to gather information and gauge public opinion about items that will likely become ballot issues. HB 340 creates significant uncertainty for public employees merely attempting to gather information and engage stakeholders.

This change will create situations in which public employees are reluctant to share or collect information for fear that their *words*, not their *intent*, will be judged as electioneering.

We are asking members to please submit a letter to the Governor's office in **OPPOSITION to HB 340**. Attached is a draft sample letter you can utilize. Please blind copy advocacy@nhmunicipal.org on your email.

Please send your correspondence on this bill to:

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Sincerely,
NHMA Advocacy Team

DRAFT LETTER

Dear Governor Kelley Ayotte,

The <Town / City> of <Insert Name> is contacting you to register its opposition and encourage you to veto HB 340, relative to electioneering by public employees. HB 340 completely changes the intent of RSA 659:44-a, which was originally enacted to prohibit direct advocacy by public employees. Instead, HB 340 links public employee electioneering to RSA 652:16-h, the statute defining electioneering at polling places.

This change will expand what could be considered electioneering to activities and statements that are not explicitly advocacy. To put it simply, the question asked under RSA 659:44-a is "was the public employee trying to influence a vote?" and the question asked under HB 340 is "would a reasonable person think the communication advocates for or against a candidate, measure or policy issue?" Below are several key concerns:

- It lowers the threshold for violations. Instead of basing the question of electioneering on the intent of the public employee, HB 340 changes the focus from intent to the communication itself and how it is perceived. It will be difficult for public

employees to determine where information sharing ends and electioneering begins. Even discussing municipal programs or operational needs could be considered electioneering under HB 340, which could result in a misdemeanor or \$1000 fine.

- Factual information provided by public employees could be perceived as electioneering under HB 340 even if the issue being discussed has only a possibility of being a ballot issue. HB 340 will create a chilling effect and make public employees reluctant to share information about municipal programs and operations for fear of a complaint of electioneering being filed. Complaints, if filed, will make public employees second guess even routine communications with the public.
- Surveys/questionnaires are used at all levels of municipal government. The information gathered from surveys of the public assist municipalities understand the public's perspective, and priorities. Under HB 340, the surveys/questionnaires organized or conducted by any public employee (including those appointed or hired by the governing body, who are your managers, department heads and chiefs) on any topic (due to the broad and vague language of the bill) could be considered as electioneering. The concern is not going to be that an objective survey would be found in violation, but rather that one word could be interpreted as "preference" and trigger the complaint process to ensue. This, of course, would result in municipalities being more reluctant to seek input from the public through surveys or questionnaires and miss the opportunity to be informed by the public.

Current law prohibits public employees from advocating for a vote. HB 340 replaces that clear standard with a broader definition of electioneering that could blur the line between advocacy and ordinary municipal communication, increasing uncertainty and liability for public employees trying to engage with residents.

For the above reasons and others, we ask that you veto HB 340. Thank you for your attention to this correspondence.

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