

## Town of South Windsor

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September 24, 2019

## DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor was notified by the Connecticut Department of Public Health on September 23, 2019 that a mosquito was positively identified as carrying Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV) from the Burgess Road trapping station.

WHEREAS, EEEV is a serious threat to human health. There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat EEEV infection. Approximately one third of people who become sick from EEEV will die from the illness. Early recognition and prompt supportive treatment can lower the risk of complications and death. The best way to prevent getting sick from EEEV is to prevent mosquito bites.

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor Charter and Code of Ordinance Section 26-5 (2) identifies the Town Manager as the authority to declare a state of emergency in the event of a sudden emergency affecting the health safety and welfare of residents in the Town of South Windsor.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Guidance for Pesticide Applications at Schools and Day Care Centers allows for applications of pesticides to eliminate a threat to human health as determined by the local health director.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 19a-207 states that the local director of health or his authorized agent in any emergency when the health of any locality is menaced, said department may enforce such regulations as may be required for the protection of the public health.

BE IT DECLARED that the Town of South Windsor is under a public health emergency until this threat is mitigated and will be taking every effort to ensure the safety of all residents.

Michael Maniscalco, MPA

Town Manager, Town of South Windsor

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County Hartford and State of Connecticut,

Notary Public

BONNIE L. ARMSTRONG NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 28, 2023

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