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**CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAKING SCHEDULE CHANGES  
TO REDUCE RISK OF EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS**

*Each school district will announce the specific time and/or date changes*

Out of an abundance of caution in response to statewide and local recommendations, and due to a recently confirmed case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), all twelve superintendents in the Calhoun Intermediate School District (CISD) have agreed to make schedule changes for outdoor activities, to the extent possible, to reduce exposure to EEE. The virus causing this disease is transmitted through infected mosquitoes.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Calhoun County Health Department (CCPHD) have recommended that municipalities, schools, and community groups reschedule outside events that occur during dusk to dawn hours (7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) to an earlier time, or to relocate outdoor events to indoor spaces. It is suggested that these precautionary measures continue until the first hard frost decreases the mosquito population in Calhoun County.

Local school districts in Calhoun County are taking steps to respond to the recommendations of local and state level officials in an effort to reduce risk to students. Each school district will announce the specific time and/or date changes for events once they have been made. Parents, students, and staff are encouraged to monitor the regular communication channels from their local district for updates.