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# Should we worry about an eastern equine encephalitis outbreak?

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Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is a potentially deadly illness caused by a mosquito-borne virus. While infection in humans have been rare in the United States, an upsurge in reported cases this year has caused experts to wonder whether EEE could be the next Zika or West Nile.



