

AB Athletics and EEE Updates

Due to Acton's elevation to "high risk" community status for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) by the Commonwealth, athletic schedules are being updated.

After consulting with Superintendent Light, Principal Dean, and District Admin's coordination with local public health officials, AB Athletics will proceed with modifications to reduce the risk of transmission and/or contracting EEE. Out of an abundance of caution for our student-athletes, staff, *and* spectators, ALL **outdoor** activities will end prior to dusk - this means that practices and games must be completed with student-athletes walking off the field before it is dark out. We will be following these hard stop times at all AB Athletics sites in the Towns of Acton and Boxborough:

Week of 9/9 - All activities MUST end *before* 7:00pm

Week of 9/16 - All activities MUST end *before* 6:45pm

Week of 9/23 - All activities MUST end *before* 6:30pm

Week of 9/30 - All activities MUST end *before* 6:15pm

Week of 10/7 - All activities MUST end *before* 6:00pm

Week of 10/14 - All activities MUST end *before* 5:45pm

****Modifications may continue beyond the Week of 10/14, and will be communicated.***

While this may be inconvenient, it is most certainly done with the best interests of student-athlete, staff, and community health, safety, and well-being in mind. This will remain an ongoing and developing situation, and we will adjust accordingly to any updated information we receive from our local and state public health agencies. They are planning for widespread spraying efforts through the state, and we understand those efforts have been completed in our communities, or are otherwise in progress.

In the meantime, we do also encourage all student-athletes (both home and visiting) to exercise other risk mitigation strategies, such as wearing long sleeves and pants beneath their uniforms (team must match in most sports) and/or utilizing EPA-registered bug repellents. The same goes for our staff and supporters in the stands.

Please be sure to subscribe to your team's Arbiter Live account [HERE](#) for up-to-the-minute notifications of game changes (dates/times/locations). Coaches will continue to communicate changes directly with their student-athletes and families once confirmed. Please also follow our AB Athletics Instagram ([@abrevsathletics](#)) and Twitter/X ([@ABRevsAthletics](#)) accounts for updates, as well.

We appreciate your understanding of these circumstances, and encourage you to reach out to Sandy Alexander (salexander@abschools.org) or Jim Scanlon (jscanlon@abschools.org) in the Athletic Department with any questions or concerns.