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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Mayor Fiorentini and the Board of Health Remove Ban for Outdoor Activities for Schools and Recreation due to Cold Weather

HAVERHILL- After careful assessment with the Board of Health, Mayor James J. Fiorentini with the recommendation of the Board of Health has removed the outdoor activities ban due to cold weather. At this time of year, the evening temperatures drop below 50 degrees and mosquitos are less active, die or hibernate for the winter. The daytime temperatures rise, but activity is limited. The removal of the ban comes with recommendations for outdoor activities from dusk to dawn even though the mosquito activity is limited.

Mayor Fiorentini said:

“The cold snaps in the evening have given us the ability to lift the ban, but I still want to stress that taking precautions is the best method to limiting your exposure to any mosquito transmitted diseases.

“Protecting our citizens is my first priority and the Board of Heath recommends lifting the ban and encourages residents to continue to use precautions when outside from dusk to dawn.”

The Board of Health recommends taking common sense precautionary measures, such as using insect repellent, wearing long sleeves and long pants, and avoiding outdoor activities from dusk to dawn. In addition, residents are urged to check their properties for unattended containers of standing water which may attract mosquitoes.