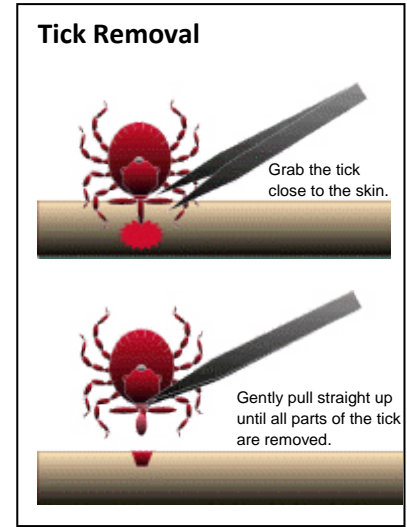


# Tick Identification Service

Tick identification is available through the Zoonotic Disease Program. Proper tick identification is essential in determining the potential risk of infection associated with a tick-borne disease.

- Be careful when removing ticks.
- NEVER attempt to “burn off” a tick with a match.
- After removal, wash the bite site with soap and water and apply an antiseptic.
- Send the tick to the address below. Please make copies of the form below as necessary.



**For Health Professionals:**

**Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever:** Suspect cases must be reported by the **end of the work week**. Individual cases must be reported to the local health department (LHD). LHDs report cases to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) via the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS).

**Lyme Disease:** Must be reported by the end of the **next business day**. Individual cases must be reported to the LHD. LHDs report cases to ODH via ODRS. Please complete the signs and symptoms section and note the geographic location of tick exposure, particularly county.

**Ehrlichiosis:** Suspect cases of ehrlichiosis must be reported by the **end of the work week**. Individual cases must be reported to the LHD. LHDs report cases to ODH via ODRS.



Tick # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Lab Use Only:
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**Instructions for submitting ticks:**

- 1. Keep ticks alive.** Live ticks are easier to identify.
- 2. Moisten paper strip with one or two drops of water, place tick and paper strip in vial and close tightly.**
- 3. Complete this form and submit it with your tick.**

**Please provide the following information:**

Date collected: \_\_\_\_\_

Ohio county where tick was acquired: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel outside Ohio in past two weeks? YES NO Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Was the tick attached? YES NO

Tick was found on: Human Dog Cat Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail results to: (if different from above)

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**Ohio Residents, Mail Tick To:**

**Tick Identification**

**Zoonotic Disease Program**

**8955 E. Main St.**

**Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068**

**(614) 752-1029**

For information about tick-related diseases, contact us or your local health department, or see the CDC Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov> (type tick into the search bar).