

Found a tick? Please place it in a plastic bag, with a blade of grass and submit it by mail to:

Lyme Disease Surveillance Program
Iowa State University
Department of Entomology
Science II Rm. 436
Ames, IA 50011

Please provide the following information with your submission, so that we can collect the most accurate data possible and get that information back to you.

Date Collected: _____

Address for correspondence: _____

Geographic location where tick was encountered (if different from address above): _____

Was the tick attached (circle one)? YES NO

Host animal (circle one): Human Dog Cat

Other (please describe): _____

A postcard will be sent to you providing information on tick species, stage, and sex. Ticks that are identified as black-legged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*) are tested for infection with the Lyme disease bacterium, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Information on the infection status of that tick is used to help determine the overall risk of contracting the infection in a given area of the state. Individual tick test results will not be provided.

More information on the biology and distribution of different ticks in the state of Iowa is available at the ISU Medical Entomology website:

<http://www.ent.iastate.edu/medent>