

Tick Identification Service | Ohio Department of Health

The Ohio Department of Health accepts ticks (or photos of ticks) year-round for species identification. The CDC does not recommend testing ticks for diagnostic purposes. Call 614-752-1029 with any questions.



Submitting a Tick:

- Place the tick in a leak-proof container, such as a pill bottle. If the tick is alive, add a small drop of water. If the tick is dead, add a few drops of rubbing alcohol. Seal the container in a plastic bag.
- Complete the form below. Place the form and the tick in a padded envelope for shipping.
- Mail the tick to: Zoonotic Disease Program Tick ID
Ohio Department of Health
8995 East Main Street, Building 22
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
- Instead of mailing the tick, photos can be sent to zoonoses@odh.ohio.gov along with the form below.

Visit <https://ohio.gov/tick> for information about ticks and tick-borne diseases in Ohio.

Tick submission kits with forms, tubes and padded envelopes are available to local health agencies upon request.

Tick Identification Submission Form

Keep a copy of this completed form for your records.

Date tick was found: _____

If found in Ohio, what county? _____

If not in Ohio, what city/state? _____

Tick was found on (circle one): **HUMAN** → Age: _____ Sex: _____ **DOG** **CAT** **OTHER:** _____

Was the tick attached & biting? (circle one): **NO** **YES** → Less than 24 hours 24+ hours Unknown length of time

Any travel in the 10 days prior to finding the tick? (circle one): **NO** **YES** → Location(s): _____

Submitted to ODH by health agency / clinic: _____

Submitter's name: _____

Person who found the tick: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

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Tick #: _____ Date Received: _____

L N M F _____% Date Reported: _____

Identification: _____

Notes: _____ A / D