

# Tick Testing & Identification



There are places where the public can have tick testing conducted and/or identified to see if they contain the Lyme bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, and/or other disease organisms that can infect humans or pets. There are generally charges for these services.

## **LDA does not make recommendations:**

- whether you should have ticks tested
- about specific testing or identification facilities
- about the reliability of tick testing
- whether you should wait for the results before seeking/getting treatment
- whether you should base your treatment on your tick testing results

*\*Above items are decisions that need to be made by you after reviewing material on the topic and discussing the benefits/risks with a professional.*

***Save tick alive if possible. Do NOT put in tape. Place in airtight container or zip lock bag. Check with the labs for proper packaging and mailing of the ticks, the types of organisms tested for and the associated costs.***

**Tick-testing lab examples from Lyme Disease Association's LymeR Primer brochure**

IGeneX Labs- [Click Here](#)

MDL- [Click Here](#)

NJ Labs- [Click Here](#)

Clongen Laboratories- [Click Here](#)

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## **Additional Tick Identification and Testing Laboratories**

### **Nationwide Services**

APHC-Army Public Health Center (For Department of Defense personnel and their dependents ONLY)- [Click Here](#)

Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab- [Click Here](#)

Cornell University- [Click Here](#)

TickCheck- [Click Here](#)

Ticknology- [Click Here](#)

Tick Report-[Click Here](#)

Tick Research Lab of Pennsylvania (FREE Identification, Testing for fee)- [Click Here](#)

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## **Additional Tick Identification and/or Testing Laboratories**

### **Specific State Resident Services**

#### **Connecticut Residents:**

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station- [Click Here](#)

#### **Maine Residents:**

University of Maine Cooperative Extension:Tick Lab- [Click Here](#)

**New York Residents:**

Thangamani Lab-SUNY Upstate Medical University (FREE)- [Click Here](#)

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**Tick Identification Services Only\*****Nationwide**

Tick Encounter- [Click Here](#)

TickTracker (Tracking & Reporting App)- [Click Here](#)

**Specific State Resident Services****Colorado:**

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (FREE for Colorado Veterinarians)- [Click Here](#)

**Illinois:** Illinois Department of Health working with University of Illinois- [Click Here](#)

**Maryland:**

Maryland Department of Health/University of Maryland- [Click Here](#)

**Michigan:**

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (FREE for Michigan Residents)- [Click Here](#)

**Midwest (Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin):**

Midwest Center of Excellence @UW-Madison(FREE for Midwest Residents)- [Click Here](#)

**New Jersey:**

Monmouth County (NJ) Mosquito Control Division (Monmouth County Residents ONLY)- [Click Here](#)

**New Hampshire:**

New Hampshire (FREE for New Hampshire Residents)- [Click Here](#)

**Vermont:**

Vermont (FREE for Vermont Residents)- [Click Here](#)

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*\*As services may change, check with your own State or County health department on what services they may provide.*

**Search State Health Departments** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provides a list of all State and Territorial Health Department Websites here.