

TICK IDENTIFICATIONS

If you find a tick on yourself or another person, the Georgia Division of Public Health will identify the tick and provide feedback in the form of educational brochures about prevention of tick-borne diseases. Only whole, intact ticks with mouthparts attached can be identified, so in some cases tick identification is not possible.

GDPH cannot test your tick for the bacteria that cause Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis, Lyme disease, or southern tick-associated rash illness. If you develop symptoms of tick-borne disease 1 to 4 weeks after having been bitten by a tick, see your healthcare provider.

For more information about symptoms of tick-borne disease or tick vectors, including how to remove an attached tick, visit our website at <http://www.health.state.ga.us/epi/vbd/tick.asp>.

For tick identification, fill out the form below as completely as possible. Place the tick in a small, non-breakable vial in 70% alcohol and mail with this form to:

Georgia Division of Public Health
Epidemiology Branch
2 Peachtree St, NW 14th floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
Attn: Rosmarie Kelly

Submitter Information

Person submitting tick _____
Date _____
Daytime phone _____ E-mail _____
Relationship to person bitten _____

Information on Person Bitten

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Age _____ Sex _____
Street Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip code _____ County _____
Daytime phone _____
Has the person bitten traveled outside of the county of residence in the past week? _____
If yes, where? _____

Tick Information

Date tick was found _____
Was the tick attached to the person? _____
If yes, where on the body was it attached? _____
How long was it attached (estimated number of hours)? _____
How was the tick removed? _____
Where do you think the tick was acquired (be specific)? _____
What type of activity was the person bitten engaged in when the tick exposure occurred?
Recreation ___ Yard Work ___ Employment ___ Hunting ___ Other (please describe) _____

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Species: *D. variabilis* ___ *A. americanum* ___ *I. scapularis* ___ Other _____
Stage: Adult female ___ Adult male ___ Nymph ___ Larva ___
Results reported date: _____