



NC Tick Identification Program Submission Form – Human Submissions

This form is to be used for the identification of tick species. Tick identification will be conducted by the North Carolina Division of Public Health, Communicable Disease Branch. This service is provided for surveillance purposes only and should not be used for diagnostic purposes. Specimens will not be tested for pathogens.

Please provide the following information regarding your tick submission:

Name of submitter Phone number Email (to send ID results)

Date of tick collection Date of birth of individual the tick was removed from Gender

Home county of individual Home zip code of individual On what part of the body was the tick located?

Has the individual traveled outside of their home county in the past two weeks? Yes No
Travel Start Date Travel End Date City, County, State, and Country of Travel

Does the individual have a recent exposure history to ticks? Yes No
If Yes, when and where:
Comments:

Please note: Ticks collected through this program will not be tested for pathogens. However, it is possible for ticks to transmit diseases including Lyme disease, spotted fever rickettsiosis and ehrlichiosis, etc. to humans. If you believe you are experiencing a tick-borne illness, please consult your physician for diagnosis and treatment.

(For state health department use only)

Table with 9 columns: Species, ID number, Desiccated/Damaged, Engorged, # of females, # of males, # of nymphs, # of larvae, Total

Submission Instructions

- 1. Place tick in a water-tight container (e.g. Ziploc bag or plastic vial) with a paper towel/cotton ball dampened with alcohol to prevent desiccation.
2. Seal container to prevent leakage.
3. Fill out specimen submission form (above) for each submission. If ticks are found on more than one individual, then more than one submission form is required.
4. Cut and retain these instructions.
5. Package specimen(s) and the submission form(s) carefully to avoid damage during shipment.
6. Please mail specimens to:

NC Tick Identification Program
c/o Dr. Vishvapali Kobbekaduwa
1902 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1902

- 7. Results will be returned via email.

For more information about tickborne disease surveillance in North Carolina or if additional envelopes are needed, please contact the Communicable Disease Branch at (919) 733-3419. Additional information about ticks and tickborne disease can be found at www.cdc.gov or at our website: https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/ticks.html.