



## ASPETUCK HEALTH DISTRICT

### Tick Submittal Information

Ticks can be brought to the Aspetuck Health District for species identification by a Community Health Nurse. The nurse can determine whether the specimen is a deer tick, dog tick, or lone star tick, and provide information on tick-borne illnesses and symptoms.

For a ten-dollar (\$10.00) handling and mailing fee, ticks brought to the Health District will also be sent to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's (CAES) Tick Testing Laboratory to be tested for five tick-borne illnesses, including Lyme Disease. There is no fee for CAES services. The test results are sent to you via email directly from CAES in approximately 1 to 3 weeks. Please check your email regularly.

Ticks can also be submitted directly to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's (CAES) Tick Testing Laboratory in person, or sent to:

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station  
Tick Testing Laboratory  
Jenkins-Waggoner Building  
123 Huntington Street  
New Haven CT, 06511

#### **Please visit CAES' website for proper packaging information.**

If your tick is identified as a deer tick or was not able to be identified by Community Health staff, it is recommended that you contact your primary medical care provider to discuss Lyme Disease prophylaxis. To be effective, prophylaxis should be complete within 72 hours of tick removal. Headache, fever, joint swelling or pain, or bulls-eye rash are all potential symptoms of tick-borne disease and should be brought to the attention of your primary medical care provider as soon as possible.

Daily tick checks and early removal are important ways to avoid tick-borne illnesses. For more information about ticks and tick-borne illnesses, please visit the CAES at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/caes>.

PLEASE NOTE: Although CAES will identify all ticks sent to them, they do not test Dog and lone star ticks for any tick-borne illnesses. If you are interested in having a dog or deer tick tested, you can send it to the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic laboratory. Testing options and pricing can be found at their website: <https://cvmdl.uconn.edu/tick-testing/options/> or by calling 860.486.3738.