

Tick Surveillance in Iowa

The Iowa Tick Surveillance Program (previously known as the Lyme Disease Surveillance Program) regularly posts maps to show where Iowan's typically encounter the three types of ticks that are most common in the state.

Found a tick?

If you have been enjoying the outdoors and find a tick on yourself, a friend, family member, or pet, we'll gladly take the tick and identify it for you. When you find a tick, wrap it in tissue, add a blade of grass, and seal it in a plastic bag. There is a **\$10 fee** for a tick identification sample (you may include up to 10 individual ticks in a sample). Mail or bring this to:

Plant & Insect Diagnostic Clinic

327 Bessey Hall

Iowa State University

Ames, IA 50011

515/294-0581

pidc@iastate.edu

Fill out this **FORM**, or provide your name and information about your tick encounter including, for example: where you found the tick (geographic location, on yourself or a pet), and whether or not it was attached to a human or animal. In return, we'll send you a letter or email telling you what species of tick it is.

Please see [Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases in Iowa](#) for more information on the most common tick species found on humans in Iowa.

Concerned about Lyme Disease?

Iowa State University does not test ticks for Lyme disease. If you suspect that you were exposed to a blacklegged tick, and are concerned about Lyme Disease, please see the [Centers for Disease Control website](#) for more information and contact your health care provider. Information about Lyme disease incidence in Iowa can be found at the [Iowa Department of Public Health website](#).