



Public Information Release

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Madison County Resident Tests Positive for Lyme disease

MADISON COUNTY - Madison County Public Health (MCPH) has confirmed a case of Lyme disease in a county resident. Lyme disease is a bacterial disease transmitted to people from the bite of an infected deer tick. Symptoms can include fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, joint pain/swelling, muscle aches, fatigue, facial paralysis, or a rash. While not always present, a “bullseye” shaped rash is often seen at the site of the tick bite. Lyme disease is not transmitted from one person to another by coughing, sneezing, or casual contact like shaking hands. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms please reach out to your healthcare provider.

Common and easy ways to avoid ticks are:

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone. Always follow product instructions.
- Wear clothing treated with permethrin.
- Shower as soon as possible after spending time outdoors.
- Check for ticks daily. Ticks can hide under the armpits, behind the knees, in the hair, and in the groin.
- Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed.

Tips on how to safely remove a tick:

- Remove the tick as soon as possible to reduce your chances of getting an infection from the tick bite.
- Don't use nail polish, petroleum jelly, or a hot match to make the tick detach.
- Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
- Pull upward with steady, even pressure to remove the tick. Avoid twisting or jerking.
- If tick mouthparts remain in the skin, leave them alone. In most cases, they will fall out in a few days.
- Clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.

If you have questions about Lyme disease or ticks, please contact Madison County Public Health at 740-852-3065 or at info@madisonpublichealth.org.

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