

TICK Borne Diseases are on the RISE! Please Take Caution!

Our community is seeing an increase in the following tick borne illnesses:

Lyme Disease: *Bacteria. Symptoms appear 3-30 days after bite and may include, rash, flu-like symptoms, fatigue, swollen glands etc. Treated with antibiotics. Early treatment can prevent serious complications. Read more here Lyme Disease_Mass.gov*

Anaplasmosis: *Bacteria. Symptoms appear 7-14 days after bite and may include, fever, headache, chills, muscle aches, nausea, diarrhea etc. Treated with antibiotics. Early treatment can prevent serious complications. Read more here Anaplasmosis_Mass.gov*

Babesiosis: *Parasite similar to those that cause malaria! Symptoms appear 1-8 weeks after bite and may include fever, chills, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, abdominal pain, dark urine etc. and can last months. Serious complications can occur if untreated. Treated with 2 medications. Read more here Babesia_Mass.gov*

Awareness & protection help with prevention! Proper clothing, repellent, regular body-tick checks, provider follow-up if symptoms occur even if unknown tick bite!

****Repellent, Tick information, and tick removal tools available to residents at your public health nurses office while supplies last!****



Further information can be found at mass.gov and searching specific tick diseases

