

Submitting Ticks for Testing?? - Pick up a Tick test package at the Annex (66 Prospect St):

Ridgefield residents who have been bitten by a tick, can stop by the Annex to pick up a Tick test package. Testing is only for humans, not animals.

Tick test package contains:

- 1) Submission form - complete and hand sign (take a picture for your records),
- 2) Test tubes - place one tick per test tube. Firmly close the test tube to avoid escapees. No other container is acceptable to the lab.
- 3) Pre addressed envelope to CAES State Lab (CT Agricultural Experiment Station):
 - a) Add **your return address** on the envelope!
 - b) Place submission form and test tube in the envelope.
 - c) Visit the Post Office to confirm **sufficient** postage to mail. Results may take approximately two weeks. If you do not receive results, check your spam or you can call the CAES lab directly (info is on the bottom of the picture you took).

The Health dept is providing the materials for the Tick test package only. You are responsible for mailing to the CAES State lab testing facility directly.

Please remember this test should not be used as a diagnostic tool. It tests if the tick is positive for several pathogens, not if you/your child is positive. Check with you doctor for any symptoms and follow-up care. This service is being provided by Connecticut State for research purposes.

Western Connecticut State University Tickborne Disease Prevention Laboratory Survey:

When you submit your tick, you can choose to be in a research study. To participate in the research, visit WCSUTickLab.com/Ticks

The survey's purpose is to better understand the relationship between outdoor activities and tick bites. The survey results will help researchers figure out better ways to prevent Lyme disease. You can complete this survey on behalf of yourself or someone else in your home. If you are submitting ticks from more than one member, please complete a separate survey for each member. Thanks!

This survey is being conducted by the WCSU Tickborne Disease Prevention Laboratory in partnership with the CDC and the CT Department of Public Health. For more information about tick submissions and testing, visit WCSUTicklab.com/Ticks.

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