



## Tick Submission Recommendations

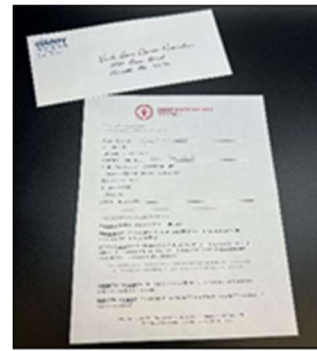
1. It's recommended that participants first kill their tick by placing the tick into a hard plastic container of alcohol for 24 hours.

**Note:** 91% isopropyl alcohol can be found at any nearby pharmacy, you only need enough liquid to submerge the tick.



2. Download, print, and fill out a submission form and address an envelope to:

Vector-Borne Disease Prevention  
10521 Baur Blvd  
Olivette, MO 63132



3. After 24 hours, pour the excess alcohol out of container and place each tick sample into a plastic zipper bag with a piece of paper towel or cotton ball moistened with water\*.

**Note:** the size of the zipper bag may vary, and the paper towel or cotton ball does not need to be dripping wet, just damp.



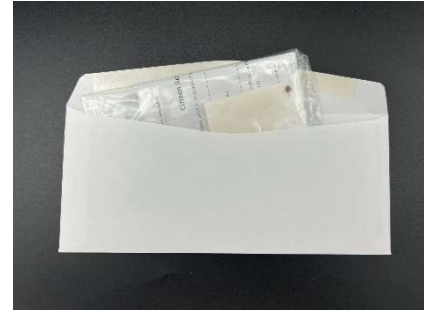
4. Fold the bag containing the tick sample and **place inside a second plastic zipper bag** with the completed sample submission form.





5. Place the double-wrapped plastic zipper bag into the addressed envelope with the completed submission form, apply postage, and mail.

**Note:** one stamp should be sufficient postage.



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Tip: For shipping multiple ticks, place ticks from different persons/collection sites into separate plastic zip top bags with water-damp paper towel or cotton ball, mark each plastic zip top bag with appropriate identifying information so that they can be matched to their corresponding tick submission form. All of the plastic zip top bags can then be placed into the second plastic zip top bag.

**\*Please do not ship samples with alcohol. Alcohol is a hazardous material and MUST be shipped as such. This method of shipping does not take into consideration the protocol that must be followed in order to ship alcohol safely and in compliance with standard HAZMAT shipping regulations.**