



Using this form for sample submission after May 2026 may result in significant delays in sample processing. If it is available, please utilize the online submission form located at <https://ticktesting.umaine.edu/entersample.php>

## Winter 2026 UMaine Tick Lab Sample Submission Form

From the end of December through March, online tick submission is down for maintenance. We are still accepting tick samples for identification and testing from the citizens of Maine. When submitting a sample to the laboratory, **please email this completed form to [tickID@maine.edu](mailto:tickID@maine.edu) or print it out and include it with your sample.** If you email the form please be sure to include your name, email, and phone number with your submitted sample.

### Please select your desired service:

- ☐ Free tick identification
- ☐ \$20 Tick testing service for the panel appropriate for the submitted tick species
- Please include a check made out to "UMaine Tick Lab" in envelope with your sample submission

### 1 Contact Information

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 Tick Information

Date Tick Was Found: \_\_\_\_\_ Host (human, dog, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

If the tick was found on a host, was it attached / feeding when you found it? Yes No

If on a person, what part of the body was the tick attached to / feeding upon?

Head Neck Armpit Arm Groin Leg Torso (front) Torso (back)

If on a person, what was the age of the person?

0-4 5-9 10-14 15-18 19-24

25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

If on a person, what was the gender of the person?

Female Male Other Prefer not to answer

### 3 Activity Survey

**Have you travelled outside of the state of Maine within the last two weeks?**    Yes    No

If yes, where:

**County where you believe the tick originated** \_\_\_\_\_

**Maine town where you believe the tick originated** \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you describe the property where you encountered the tick:**

My residence / property    Public lands    Someone else's private property    Other

**What activity were you doing when you think you came into contact with the tick?**

**Which type(s) of personal protection (repellents, etc.) were you using?**

None    Protective clothing    DEET    Essential oils    IR3535    Other  
Picaridin    Permethrin (treated clothing)

The testing of tick samples is intended to provide information on ticks in Maine and is not intended to be used in human health assessment or to be interpreted as a medical diagnosis. The Tick Lab tests ticks only and does not provide testing for human or animal samples. If you have been bitten by a tick, do not wait until tick testing results are available to consult with your doctor.

If a tick tests positive for an infection, it does not mean that the tick passed the infection to the person it fed upon. If a tick tests negative for infection, it does not mean that the person it fed upon is not at risk.

☐ I agree to the [policies and procedures](#) of the UMaine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory.

Place your tick sample in a zipper locking bag and send it to the following address:

**UMaine Extension Diagnostic & Research Lab**

**ATTN: Tick Lab**

**17 Godfrey Drive**

**Orono, ME 04473-3692**

For more information on sample submission, please visit our [F.A.Q.](#) page.

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