

Tick Prevention

General Information

Tick-borne disease continues to be a concern in Franklin County, with local deer ticks testing positive for Lyme disease and anaplasmosis in recent years.

The longer a tick remains attached to the skin and feeding, the higher the likelihood that it may spread the bacteria that caused tick-borne diseases.

Luckily, there is a lot you can do to prevent tick bites from occurring in the first place!

How to prevent getting tick bites:

- Make a habit of checking yourself, your children and pets for ticks after coming inside.
- Use repellents that contain DEET on your skin and treat your clothing and shoes with Permethrin. Please read and follow repellent label directions carefully.
- When in high-risk wooded brushy areas, wear light colored clothing that covers your skin with loose ends tucked in (ex. pants/leggings into socks).



Types of Ticks Found in MA:

BLACKLEGGED OR "DEER" TICKS



MALE



FEMALE



NYMPH

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