



# TICK TESTING PROGRAM



*The Town of Concord has joined a Tick Testing program through the Great Meadows Public Health Collaborative. The purpose of the program is to help Concord residents learn what disease causing microbes a discovered tick may be carrying, including the pathogens in Deer ticks that cause Lyme disease.*

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Tick Testing program includes testing for detection of seven different pathogens in Deer ticks (Blacklegged ticks) that cause Lyme disease, and eight different pathogens in non-deer tick species, including tests for Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) and Southern-Tick Associated Rash Illness (STARI) in Lone Star ticks.

## MAIL YOUR TICK

Place your tick — whole or partial — in a plastic bag and mail it to the tick testing lab. The lab will identify the tick and determine the correct tests to apply. Ticks may also be hand delivered to the Tick Report laboratory at 29 Cottage St. C, Amherst, Massachusetts.

The Tick Report Website can be found at: [www.tickreport.com](http://www.tickreport.com)

## TICK TESTING SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Although a Tick Test is \$50, residents in the Town of Concord can order a Tick Test from [tickreport.com](http://tickreport.com) for \$20. State grant funding was recently approved to establish this program, which provides a \$30 subsidy for each tick tested by a Concord resident. To take advantage of the program, enter your Concord zip code at checkout and the subsidy will automatically be applied.

## RESULTS EMAILED IN 1 TO 3 DAYS

Your specific tick test results are securely and privately delivered via email no longer than three business days after your tick sample(s) arrive at the lab for analysis. Most results are delivered within 24 hours of your sample arriving at the lab.

