



## Dickinson-Iron District Health Department

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#### Dickinson-Iron District Health Department to Assist with Tick Identification

Crystal Falls and Kingsford, Michigan – May 2026. In Michigan, there are several kinds of ticks that bite people and pets, and some can carry harmful bacteria, viruses, and parasites. Not all tick bites will make you sick, but tick-borne diseases, including Lyme Disease, are increasing in Dickinson and Iron Counties and can be serious if not treated. Tick identification can assist you in determining your disease risk and assist your physician with diagnosis and treatment.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provides tick identification at no charge to Michigan citizens. There are two ways to have a tick identified, 1) by submitting a photo of your tick, or, 2) by sending the tick to the MDHHS for microscopic identification. If you want to submit a photo of your tick, the MDHHS will make all attempts to identify the tick based on the condition of the tick and the condition of the photos. However, definitive tick identification may only be made by sending the tick for microscopic examination. Visit [www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/home/lyme-disease](http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/home/lyme-disease) for additional information on submitting ticks for identification.

The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department, Environmental Health Division, will assist you with questions on how to access the MDHHS website to submit a photo of your tick. Please contact our office at 906-779-7239, Monday-Friday 8-4pm; we are available to answer your tick or Lyme Disease-related questions.

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