



Organization Entity: Parasitology

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Tick Surveillance Collection Guide

Specific instructions for submitters

If you are asked to send the actual tick to the laboratory for further testing, this can be done by mailing it in or dropping off at specified locations. Please follow the instructions below:

Handling Instructions:

1. **Place the tick in a small hard plastic container with a tight fitting lid** such as clean empty pill bottle. **DO NOT USE GLASS CONTAINERS OR STRAWS**
2. **Label the container with the e-Tick identification number** provided to you in your e-Tick notification.
3. **Place the container in a clean plastic bag and close securely**
4. **Complete the Tick Testing Request form** (click here <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-21813.pdf> for downloadable document)
5. **Package sealed plastic bag and completed APL Tick Testing Request form in an envelope or box suitable for mailing.**
6. **Mail to:**
Specimen Receiving
Public Health Lab (ProvLab) North
University of Alberta Hospital
WMC 2B4.04, 8440-112 Street
Edmonton, AB T6G 2J2

Drop off in person:

1. **Follow the same instruction outlined for mailing in the tick (steps 1 – 4) for tick submission**
Drop off plastic bag with labelled container and the completed Tick Testing Request form to any of the following locations (click on the link below)

<https://informalberta.ca/public/service/serviceProfileStyled.do?serviceQueryId=4245>

*****PLEASE NOTE ACUTE CARE/HOSPITAL LABS DO NOT ACCEPT TICK SUBMISSIONS*****

Important to Note:

- Please note that a completed Tick Testing Request form **MUST** accompany ticks that are mailed-in or dropped off, and each tick container **MUST** be labelled with the **e-tick identification number**, otherwise the lab will not be able to provide results.
- If you haven't submitted your tick for photo identification through e-tick platform, you need to do this **before** forwarding the specimen to Prov Lab. Click here [eTick-](#) for instructions and more information
- The tick species will be confirmed at the laboratory and may be tested for the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.
- Your results will be mailed to you within 2 weeks. For more **information on Ticks and Lyme disease**, click here [Lyme disease and tick surveillance | Alberta.ca](#)