

Town of Hopkinton Board of Health Tick Testing Program

In 2018, 49 residents have been diagnosed with a tick related illness. Tick related illnesses can cause flu-like symptoms, Bell's Palsy, renal failure, musculature, rheumatologic, cardiac and neurologic disorders. Three of the top five neurologic disorders in Hopkinton are tick related.

We have partnered with the University of Massachusetts to offer a subsidized program for you to learn whether you or a family member has been bitten by a tick that carries a disease. When your tick is tested, the laboratory results can be forwarded electronically and shared with your physician to aid in your diagnosis and treatment.

All you need to do is:

1- Remove the tick and place it in a ziplock bag

2-For further instructions go to:

www.tickreport.com

The cost is \$15 for the first 100 ticks submitted and \$30 for any after the first 100*.

Within 3 days, you will receive a report on your tick; you may also have the report sent to your physician.

For additional information on the preventative steps you can take to minimize your risk of being bitten by a tick and for the tick "forecast," please visit www.tickencounter.org.

*Regular price is \$50