What is MilTICK?

MilTICK (Military Tick Identification/Infection Confirmation Kit) is a free tick testing and identification service available to Department of Defense (DoD) beneficiaries and their dependents. Formerly known as the DoD Human Tick Test Kit Program, this service is provided by the Vector-Borne Disease Branch at the Defense Centers for Public Health – Aberdeen, located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

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What does MilTICK do?

Ticks can be submitted to MilTICK by eligible individuals using the decision tree below. Only human-biting ticks are eligible for testing. Once MilTICK receives a tick, MilTICK staff will:

- ☑ Identify the species of tick
- ☑ Assess how long the tick was attached to a human
- ☑ Test the tick for human pathogens (e.g., those that cause Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, etc.)

Results of MilTICK testing will be reported back by **email** to the point of contact provided on the MilTICK submission form within two weeks. Results will be used to track risks associated with tick bites, and can also be used as a "first alert" for patients who wish to seek medical guidance and/or treatment for possible exposure to tick-borne disease.

Who can submit a tick?

Individuals **across all DoD Services** in the following categories are eligible to submit ticks to MilTICK:

- ☑ Active Duty Service Members
- ☑ National Guard
- ☑ Reservists
- ☑ Retired Service Members
- ☑ Civilians, including Army Corps of Engineers
- ☑ Contractors
- ☑ Dependents, including spouses, parents, or children of all above categories

To determine the fastest way to submit your tick to MilTICK, follow the decision tree below.

I am eligible, and found a tick on myself or my dependent! How do I submit a tick for testing?

I am at (or can easily get to) a DoD Clinic.

Submit your tick to your clinic staff; they will submit the tick to MilTICK for you. Clinic staff with contact you with the results of the tick testing.

I have a tick kit at home.

Follow the instructions in your tick kit; fill out Page 1 of the tick-submission form completely. Put your tick in the plastic vial, and seal it in the plastic bag. Do not seal tick in tape.

Include the USDA permit and mail your kit in the pre-addressed envelope.

Ensure sufficient postage has been applied.

I do not have a tick kit.

Print out the tick-submission form and USDA permit found on our website; fill out Page 1 of the tick-submission form completely.

Seal your tick in two resealable plastic bags. Do not seal tick in tape.

Mail your tick, the completed submission form, and the USDA permit in a padded envelope to:
Defense Centers for Public Health – Aberdeen
8300 Ricketts Point Rd. Bldg E-2850
APG Edgewood, MD 21010
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010

Ensure sufficient postage has been applied.

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Contact the MilTICK team with questions or to order Tick Kits:
Phone: (410) 436-5425 or (410) 436-5421
Email: dha.apg.Pub-Health-A.mbx.tickcom@health.mil
Visit the CAC-enabled data dashboard at https://carepoint.health.mil/sites/ENTO/miltick
Visit the MilTICK website at https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/envirohealth/epm/Pages/HumanTickTestKitProgram.aspx

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