

Dear Potential Research Subject:

We in the department of pediatrics – Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine are conducting research to understand the prevalence and distribution of ticks and tick-borne pathogens in Texas. We are asking the public to send in ticks they find for free testing. If you fill out this questionnaire (survey), you are consenting or agreeing to take part in this research. We will take all steps legally possible to keep this information confidential.

You decide whether you want to take part or not. If you do not take part, you will lose none of your rights. It will not affect you badly in any way. You may decide to stop taking part at any time. It will not cost you to take part in this study. We will not pay you to take part. We will conduct testing for pathogens of human importance on any tick you submit for free.

If you have any questions about this survey or the study, please contact Dr. Sarah Gunter at [texastickproject@bcm.edu](mailto:texastickproject@bcm.edu). If you have additional questions about your rights as a research subject, contact the Institutional Review Board for Human Subject Research for Baylor College of Medicine & Affiliated Hospitals at (713) 798-6970.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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### Tick Submission Survey

- Number of ticks collected: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date tick(s) was collected: \_\_\_\_\_
- What city/county were the tick(s) found in: \_\_\_\_\_
- What zip code were the tick(s) found in: \_\_\_\_\_
- Where were you when you found the tick(s)?
  - In your house
  - On your property
  - On friend/family/rental/vacation property
  - While camping, hiking, or hunting
  - After camping, hiking, or hunting
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- How were the tick(s) found? (check all that apply):
  - Bitten you or another person
  - On person but not biting them
  - On a pet or farm animal
    - What type of animal: \_\_\_\_\_
  - On hunter harvested animal
    - What type of animal: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Email [texastickproject@bcm.edu](mailto:texastickproject@bcm.edu)  
**Optional Demographic Survey (Check all that apply)**

- Age:
  - Under 18
  - Between 18 and 29
  - Between 30 and 49
  - Between 50 and 69
  - 70 or older
  - Prefer not to respond
- Sex:
  - Male
  - Female
  - Prefer not to respond
- Race:
  - White
  - Black or African American
  - American Indian and Alaska Native
  - Asian
  - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - Other
  - Prefer not to respond
- Ethnicity:
  - Hispanic or Latino
  - Not Hispanic or Latino
  - Prefer not to respond
- Education Level
  - Less than high school graduate
  - High school graduate or equivalent
  - Some college or associate degree
  - Bachelor's degree or higher