

Opening Your Camp or Summer Home?

While you haven't been living in your camp or summer home, it doesn't mean someone else hasn't been... and that someone could be a rodent or bat that can spread disease.

Look for these signs when you first open your summer home or camp and while you enjoy your summer in Maine to avoid infectious diseases!

When opening your camp or home, look for:

Rodent droppings: can transmit Hantavirus.

Check your camp or home and stored vehicle for traces of rodents. Spray droppings with a disinfectant and wipe up. Do not stir up dust by sweeping or vacuuming droppings.

Bats: can transmit Rabies.

Do not handle bats with bare hands. If a person or pet has direct contact with a bat, call Maine CDC right away at 1-800-821-5821. If there is no contact, remove the bat with protective gloves or call a Game Warden.



When enjoying the Maine summer, look for:

Ticks: can transmit Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, and Powassan.

Wear an EPA approved repellent, limit exposed skin, and do a daily tick check. If a tick is attached, remove promptly and watch for symptoms for 30 days.

Mosquitos: can transmit Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus.

Check for holes in screens and drain water holding areas where mosquitos can lay eggs (buckets, flower pots, bird baths, gutters, etc.). Wear an EPA approved repellent and limit time outdoors between dusk and dawn.



For more information, contact: