

Donor Acknowledgment

The Maine Vector-borne Disease Workgroup is an assembly of state agencies and public health professionals, scientists and policy makers who come together to discuss innovative ways to combat the spread of vector borne disease, including West Nile virus, Lyme disease and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the past 15 years, the number of Lyme disease cases identified in Maine has increased dramatically, with approximately 500 case reports received in 2007. This steady rise in Lyme disease incidence and the continued threat of West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis has inspired much of the work and collaborative efforts of the Youth Education Subcommittee.

The increase in human cases of Lyme disease throughout Maine has led to a need for classroom curricula that will address Lyme disease with our school age children. Through education about prevention, the curricula will enhance awareness and reduce the risk of contracting Lyme disease. The multi-disciplinary committee will partner with fifth grade teachers to integrate a 120-minute Lyme disease lesson. The plan will be piloted during May, 2008 educating approximately 350 students in three schools: Kennebunk, Kittery and York.

The curriculum contents include the following resources, website address and donors who have made these pilot project materials available:

Lyme Disease: A Public Information Guide (Pamphlet)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services,
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/index.htm>

Lyme Disease Awareness and Prevention (DVD Video) and Supplies

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services,
www.Mainepublichealth.gov

Bookmark and Supplies

City of Portland, Maine, Portland Public Health Division, Department of Health and Human Services,
<http://publichealth.portlandmaine.gov>

Tick Wallet Cards and Preserved Tick Specimens

Maine Medical Center Research Institute Vector-borne Disease Lab,
<http://www.mmcri.org/lyme/lymehome.html>

Tick Removal Spoon, Supplies and Photography

Atlantic Pest Solutions, <http://www.atlanticmosquitocontrol.com> and the manufacturer of the tick removal spoon is Ticked Off www.tickedoff.com

“WTIK: Do a Tick- Check” (Video Production)

Municipal Pest Management swampfixer@verizon.net DVD reproduction and supplies
Public Broadcasting System (PBS) TV and the Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc.
<http://www.lyme.org/index.html>

Fun Activity Sheets (7 pages)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health,
<http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/epii/lyme/lymehp.htm#schools>

CDC Repellant Sheet

www.cdc.gov/westnile or 1- 800-CDC-INFO (English and Spanish)

Lyme Disease The Facts The Challenge (Booklet)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, NIH Publication NO.05-7045, www.niaid.nih.gov

Take Away Bag

Kittery Trading Post, <http://www.kitterytradingpost.com/>

Website Reference Sheet (6 sites referenced)

Maine Medical Center Research Institute Tick Submission Form,

<http://www.mmcri.org/lyme/lymeform.html>

Lyme disease information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/>

Lyme disease information from Maine Medical Center Research Institute, <http://www.mmcri.org/lyme/>

Lyme disease information from the Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/ddc/lyme/lyme_1.htm

Lyme disease information for parents from KidsHealth,

<http://kidshealth.org/parent/medical/brain/lyme.html>

Lyme disease information for children from KidsHealth,

http://kidshealth.org/kid/ill_injure/bugs/tick.html