

Mosquitoes and Ticks: Mass! They're out in Mass!

We know this is the time of year when you're receiving many questions about mosquitoes & ticks and the diseases they carry. MDPH has some excellent online resources we wanted to remind you about. Tick-related information can be found here:

www.mass.gov/dph/tick

This website includes general information on ticks and common tick-borne diseases in Massachusetts, including fact sheets on a variety of tickborne diseases in multiple languages. Links to surveillance summaries for anaplasmosis, babesiosis, Powassan virus infections and other diseases are available. You can also access our Tick Report published monthly which shows seasonal trends in reported tick bites and tick-borne disease diagnoses in Massachusetts residents.

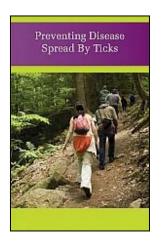
Mosquito-related information can be found here:

www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito

This website includes general information on mosquitoes and common mosquito-borne diseases in Massachusetts including West Nile virus (WNV) infection and eastern equine encephalitis (EEE). You can find the latest information about where EEE- and WNV positive mosquitoes have been found, and EEE and WNV fact sheets in several languages.

You can also order and download a variety of print materials (such as those below) at the Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse:

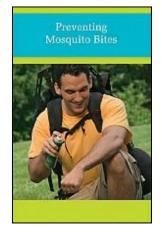
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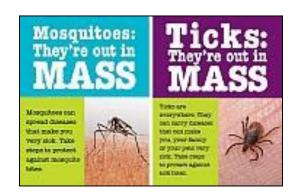












The Local Public Health Institute (LPHI) also has a series of 'On Your Time Trainings' including one on tickborne disease surveillance and prevention:

https://sites.bu.edu/masslocalinstitute/training/on-your-time-trainings/

https://sites.bu.edu/masslocalinstitute/2017/12/19/tickborne-diseasesurveillance-and-prevention/

AND we also encourage you to reserve one of our incredibly popular BITE LABs for use in your city or town. BITE LAB is an engaging and interactive exhibit on mosquitoes and ticks targeting students in grades 3-5. Units are available to borrow across the state. Please contact the Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800 for more information.





Brought to you by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health: Epidemiology Program Finally, please check out the webinar "Tick-borne Disease Investigations in MAVEN" available on the MAVEN Help Section under 2021 ePostcards/Webinars. The webinar details the "Key Questions for Case Investigations" wizard available for anaplasmosis and babesiosis.

If you have MAVEN questions, please email <u>isishelp@state.ma.us</u> or contact the MAVEN help desk at 617-983-6801. For any questions about diseases spread by ticks or mosquitoes, please contact the Epidemiology Division at 617-983-6800.