

# Tick Submission Form



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Date:	
Patient's Name:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City:	
State, Zip:	
Phone:	
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## Payment Information

**Check payable to Clongen Laboratories:**

Check #  Amount \$

**Credit Card:**

Card Number

Expiration Date

Cardholder Name

### Mailing Instructions :

A dead tick may be sent in a single ziploc bag. If alive, place the tick in two ziploc bags to prevent escape. A container with a tight seal can also be used. Label the bag/container with your name and send the tick with this form via standard US mail, FedEx or UPS.

**Do not place any other materials (paper, tissue, cotton balls, water, rubbing alcohol, etc) in the bag/container with the tick.**

**Do not tape the tick.**

**Clongen Laboratories reserves the right to reject any improperly packaged tick. Please call if you have questions prior to sending the tick in. We will be glad to answer your questions over the phone.**

Statistics from previous years showed *Rickettsia*, *Borrelia*, *Babesia* and *Bartonella* to be the most common. The highest percentage positive tests are: *Rickettsia species*, *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*, *Babesia species*, *Bartonella species*, and *Borrelia burgdorferi*. *Borrelia miyamotoi* is distantly related to *B. burgdorferi* and causes similar symptoms. It is an emerging pathogen and several cases have been described recently in the US. *Rickettsia parkeri* is another emerging pathogen that has been widely detected in Gulf Coast ticks (*Amblyomma maculatum*) known to be very aggressive. The disease caused by *R. parkeri* is similar to Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Tick removal is critical in reducing the disease transmission rate - A tick bite does not necessarily mean that the victim is infected. It is highly recommended to consult with a medical professional following a tick bite.

### Please indicate the requested tests:

**Individual test - \$75    Two or more tests - \$65 each**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lyme - <i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i></b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Bartonella species</i>                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Borrelia hermsii</i>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Bartonella henselae</i>                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Borrelia miyamotoi</i>                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rickettsia species</i>                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Borrelia afzelii &amp; garinii</i>     | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rickettsia rickettsii</i>                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Borrelia lonestari</i>                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rickettsia parkeri</i>                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Anaplasma phagocytophilum</i>          | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Babesia species</i> (excludes <i>B. duncani</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ehrlichia ewingii</i>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Babesia microti</i>                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ehrlichia chaffeensis &amp; canis</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Babesia duncani</i>                               |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Francisella tularensis</i>                        |

**We offer testing services for the following viruses: Colorado Tick Fever Virus, Heartland Virus and Powassan Virus**

**Cost for individual Viruses - \$195    For all three viruses - \$500**

**Pooling Ticks :** We can pool up to 4 ticks together for testing. This is not recommended for ticks found on separate individuals. When sending multiple ticks, please specify if the ticks should be tested together or separately.

**The tick testing results will be finalized within 1-7 business days from the day payment is received. Ticks received without a valid form of payment will not be processed. We are unable to respond to phone inquiries regarding status of results. Inquiries can be sent by e-mail to [cs@clongen.com](mailto:cs@clongen.com) We thank you in advance for your patience.**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: I removed a tick some time ago and it has been stored at room temperature. Would the test still be valid?**

A: Yes. Our assay tests DNA and DNA is stable at room temperature. The results will not be impacted.

**Q: I stored the tick in alcohol. Would the test still be valid?**

A: Yes. Alcohol is a preservative and the tick can be tested. Please remove the tick from the alcohol before sending the tick to the lab.

**Q: I lost the body and trunk of the tick and have only the legs left. Would that be good enough for the test?**

A: No. The bacteria is in the digestive tract and it is necessary that we receive the entire tick in order to get reliable results.

**Q: I was bitten by a tick and there is a red spot/rash. What do I do?**

A: Ticks irritate the skin, so redness at the bite site may occur. However, if inflammation, a bullseye-type rash, or other unusual symptoms (e.g. joint pain, fever, fatigue) develop, see your doctor.

**Q: When will I receive the results of the test?**

A: We will send results by e-mail as soon as they become available, 1-7 business days from when we receive the tick. A hard copy of the results and a receipt will follow two to three days later.

**Q: What happens if the sample is not a tick? Will I be charged?**

A: No. If the sample is not a tick, we will notify you and you will not be charged.