

# Ticks, Mosquitoes, & Our Health

**March 3, 2020 Webinar for Local Public Health and Tribes**

*Remember these top 10 messages from today's presentation:*

1. (37)% of blacklegged ticks in MN are infected with a disease agent.
2. Since the mid-1990s, the annual number of reported tickborne disease cases has (increased).
3. West Nile virus risk is highest in the (western) area of Minnesota.
4. MDH collects (demographic) and (clinical) information on all reported vectorborne diseases.
5. To prevent mosquitoborne illness, people can check and repair their (screens).
6. One good message for preventing tickborne disease is encouraging people to add (tick checks) to their daily routines.
7. In addition to English, factsheets on vectorborne diseases are available in the following languages: (Hmong), (Karen), (Spanish) and (Somali).
8. EPA-registered repellents such as (DEET) and (permethrin) are safe and effective for preventing tick and mosquito (bites).
9. A goal of the Indian Health Service tick sampling is to identify tribes that have dense populations of (ticks of concern).
10. The MDH Vectorborne Disease Unit is part of a larger network of scientists and public health professionals called the (Midwest Center of Excellence for Vectorborne Disease).

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