

**Buckeye Tick Test
Tick-Borne Pathogen Testing Service
Terms & Conditions**

The Buckeye Tick Test service at The Ohio State University Infectious Diseases Institute (hereafter referred to as BTT) will identify your tick(s) using morphologic criteria and test the tick(s) you submit for pathogens of medical and veterinary importance using highly specific and sensitive real-time PCR. **The BTT does not provide medical advice nor diagnostic testing of clinical disease in patients. Never wait for tick testing results to consult a physician or veterinarian.** Detection of pathogens in the tick(s) does not mean that the individual(s) and/or animal(s) will become infected.

Tick specimens are consumed in the process of testing at BTT and cannot be returned to you. The DNA extracted from your tick(s) may be retained in the BTT archive for future research. For any tick(s) submitted from the state of Ohio, we aggregate, anonymize, and report test results, host type (e.g., human, animal), date and zip code of encounter, and tick(s) species to the Ohio Department of Health. We share this information with collaborating health agencies because surveillance of ticks and tick-borne pathogens is vital to understanding, communicating, and mitigating risk to the public.

Tick testing by the BTT is a fee-based service. Fees are charged to cover the costs of operation including equipment, laboratory personnel, and consumable materials. Note that fees associated with tick testing are not typically covered by insurance, regardless of whether a physician or veterinarian recommends tick testing.

Upon submitting ticks to the BTT, users will be automatically enrolled on our mailing list with periodic updates on our services as well as educational programs or events pertaining to ticks and tick-borne diseases. Users can unsubscribe from this list at any time by using the unsubscribe link included with each message or by contacting us at ticks@osu.edu.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; NO WARRANTIES

Ohio State shall not be liable to You for any damage arising from any event that is out of the control of Ohio State or is not caused by Ohio State. In no event shall liability exceed the amounts paid for the applicable Service to Ohio State by You. Beyond such amounts actually paid for the Service, Ohio State shall not be liable to You for direct, indirect, special, incidental, exemplary, consequential, or any other form of money damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits, or for the loss of data or information of any kind, however caused, and arising out of or in connection with the use of or performance of a system or supercomputer computational resource, or the provision of services or performance hereunder, whether based in contract, tort, or any other legal theory, and whether or not Ohio State has been made aware of the possibility of those damages. OTHER THAN AS EXPLICITLY SET FORTH HEREIN, OHIO STATE MAKES NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NON-INFRINGEMENT, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio.

Name, address, and contact information about the submitter will be handled in accordance with The Ohio State University's Privacy Policy found here: <https://it.osu.edu/privacy>.

By clicking "Accept," you agree to the terms and conditions as stated herein. Further, you represent and warrant that you have authority to bind You or the Company You represent to these Terms.