

Tick-Bite Documentation & Information for Parents

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There are ~620,000+ new cases of Lyme disease annually in the US, based on Bay Area Lyme estimates, and it is the fastest-growing vector-borne disease in the US today. Lyme is endemic in California and has been detected in 42 of 58 counties in the state. School-age children are particularly susceptible to Lyme.

The Bite: Your child was bitten by a tick. This document provides important information that you should keep along with the tick

Child's name: _____ Age: _____

Time tick removed: _____ Date of bite: _____

Body Parts tick attached to: _____

Town/Zipcode where bite acquired: : _____

Symptoms (may be days or weeks before symptoms occur):

Symptoms: Symptoms to watch for after your child returns home. Note—not all people will present with the same symptoms:

- rash
- joint pain
- headaches
- lethargy/fatigue
- fever
- bump/redness at bite site
- flu-like symptoms
- Bell's palsy

Not everyone gets a rash! Be vigilant. Go to your child's doctor and be sure to tell him/her that your child was bitten and may have been exposed to Lyme disease. Early diagnostic tests on humans are not always reliable. Lyme imitates many other diseases. If symptoms persist, call your doctor again or get a second opinion.

Testing: If someone provided the tick that bit your child (in a baggie with this letter), you should consider getting the tick tested. This is because the most reliable method of determining if your child has been bitten by an infected tick is by testing the TICK, not the child.

Information on laboratories that perform tests for Lyme and other tick-borne diseases can be found on our website at www.bayarealyme.org/get-help/tick-testing

We are here to help! Contact us: email info@bayarealyme.org or call (650) 530-2439.