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Tick-Borne Disease

Fast Facts

Most Common Tick-Borne Diseases in MO:

Rocky Mountain spotted fever
Ehrlichiosis
Tularemia
Q-Fever
Lyme/Lyme-like disease

Target Population:

All people that may come into contact with tick habitat. The young, elderly and those with weakened immune systems are most susceptible.

Onset of symptoms:

3-30 days in most cases.

Predominant Symptoms:

Sudden high fever, severe headache, muscle or joint aches, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea

Ticks live in grassy or wooded areas. If these symptoms occur following a tick bite, or even after exposure to tick habitat inform your healthcare provider.



Infected tick bite

How To Prevent Tick-Borne Disease...

- Avoid overhanging brush and tall grass.
- Use an insect repellent that contains DEET or Permethrin.
- Regularly check the head, neck, underarms, and groin for tick bites. If you have been bitten remove the tick as soon as possible. Be sure to remove the entire body of the tick, including the head.
- Wear Light-colored clothing. This allows you to spot ticks more easily.

What you should do if you have a Tick-Borne Disease...

Contact your healthcare provider if you have any of the listed symptoms. Drink plenty of fluids and get rest.

If you have any additional questions regarding tick-borne disease call the Barton County Health Dept at 417-682-3363.



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This information is provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Barton County Health Dept.