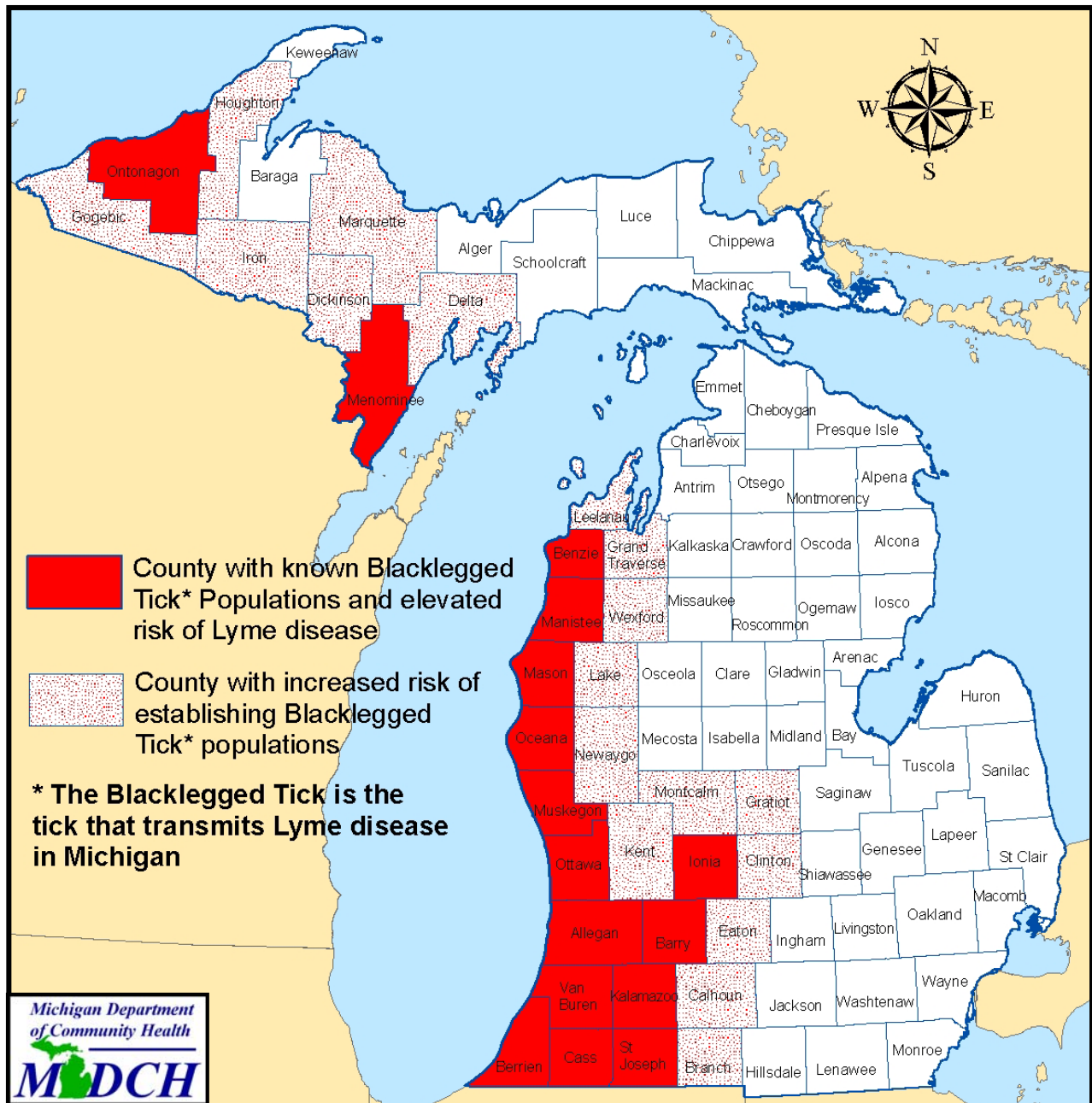


UPDATE on Blacklegged tick distribution in Michigan



- Blacklegged ticks are the main vector of the Lyme disease pathogen to humans, and are an invasive species in Michigan.
- Field research indicates that blacklegged ticks are established in a focal area of the UP, and have been moving north and inland from the southwest corner of the state over the past 10 years.
- People residing and recreating in counties with confirmed presence of blacklegged ticks and adjacent counties should be aware of the heightened risk of exposure to ticks and their pathogens.