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TICK IDENTIFICATION AND TESTING FORM

- 1. If the tick is removed from a person, is received alive, and is of an appropriate species, it will be tested by the MDCH-Laboratory for Lyme disease at no cost to the submitter.
2. Place the live tick in a vial or small pill bottle and add a blade of grass or small (1-inch square) piece of paper towel moistened with one drop of water. Be sure the cover is firmly secured on the container with no air holes.
3. To submit a dead tick for identification only, place it in a bottle with a small piece of paper towel moistened with one drop of water or alcohol.
4. Print or type information requested below and return this form with the tick in a container to the above address. On the outside of the shipping container write "FRAGILE" or "HANDLE WITH CARE" to help prevent damage to the tick when shipped.

A. Please indicate (check) if tick was found on:

Person Animal Other

Animal Type: _____

Other (explain): _____

B. If tick was found on person/animal was tick attached? Yes No

C. Date tick was collected: _____

D. Location where tick exposure probably occurred:

County: _____

Township: _____

E. If tick was found on a PERSON, please complete this section:

Patient's Name: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

F. Send RESULTS to (if different from patient):

Mail Email at _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Check if you are willing to pay the Michigan State University, Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health (MSU-DCPAH) a \$60.00 fee for disease screening of your tick submission that was removed off a host other than a human. Testing used is a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test to detect the presence or absence of organism-specific DNA and are performed based on the type of tick submitted. Up to five different PCR screening (B. burgdorferi PCR, R. rickettsia PCR, Babesia sp. PCR, Anaplasma PCR, Ehrlichia canis PCR) procedures could be performed on a single tick submission. A personal check made out to MSU-DCPAH for \$60.00 must be included by the submitter for this screening service.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

MDARD SAMPLE #: _____