Thank you for taking part in this survey to understand tick surveillance activities in the United States.

We will be asking questions related to tick surveillance and control within your jurisdiction. The purpose of this survey is to identify current efforts within federal, state, and county/local agencies on tick surveillance and tick control. Your responses will help us gain a more robust understanding of tick surveillance and control program operations, capacity, and challenges.

Questions in this survey cover topics including the types of tick surveillance activities that are currently implemented, which ticks are targeted, the capacity for pathogen testing, and barriers to operating surveillance and control programs.

We also hope to learn about discontinued tick surveillance or control programs that may have existed in the past.

Your responses will raise awareness of efforts by public health and vector control professionals in defining when and where people are at risk for exposure to ticks and tickborne pathogens, and will help to identify gaps in resources to support tick surveillance and control initiatives. Results from this survey will be summarized into a report documenting where and how groups are conducting tick surveillance and tick control in the US.

This survey should take roughly 25 minutes to complete. Your participation in this survey is voluntary. You may refuse to answer any question, and you can stop the survey at any time. Your responses to this survey will remain anonymous, with your confidentiality protected. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact one of the representatives listed below.

For the purposes of this survey, please refer to the following definitions:

- *Tick surveillance* the collection of tick specimens and other relevant environmental samples to identify tick species in a given area and/or test for the presence of tick-borne pathogens; this does not include the monitoring and reporting of clinical cases of tick-borne disease in human patients.
- *Tick control* the implementation of practices to reduce or eliminate the presence of ticks in the environment. There are several methods of surveillance and control, and these will be contextualized as they arise in the questionnaire.

One last disclaimer - if you are taking this survey on a mobile device, some question items may be cut off due to the narrow screen. We suggest rotating your device to a horizontal position while completing the survey.

If you consent to participate, please click 'Continue' to begin.







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Demographics).		
In which state do you currentl	y work?	SX.	•	
Please categorize the agency	where you work usir	ng the following op	tions:	
	Local/municipal jurisdiction	County/district jurisdiction	State jurisdiction	Federal jurisdiction
Department/agency of agriculture				-
Department/agency of environment				
Department/agency of health				
Department/agency of natural resources				
Department/agency of public works				
Mosquito/vector control district/unit				
Agricultural or Cooperative Extension				
Public health laboratory				
Academic center				

	Local/municipal jurisdiction	County/district jurisdiction	State jurisdiction	Federal jurisdiction
Other (please list):				
What is the name of the age	ncy or organization w	here you currently	work?	
(If you indicated that your agency of that jurisdiction)	operates in a local/munic	ipal or county/district	jurisdiction, please	include the name(s)
For the purposes of this surve	ey, please refer to th	e following definit	ions:	
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Active surveillance - fo	cused collection of ti	ck samples from th	ne field for ident	ification,
testing, or analysis • Passive surveillance - a	ccepting tick samples	s submitted by the	public, veterina	rians, physicians,
etc., for identification,		,	,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Please describe your level of	involvement with tio	k surveillance and	/or control activ	ities (select all
that apply):			, 0. 00 0. 000	
☐ I am directly involved in	tick surveillance and	Vor control activit	ies	
☐ I supervise others who a				ctivities
My working unit is respo involved in these activit		lance and/or conti	rol, but I am not	directly
☐ My work is on human dis	ease surveillance for	tick-borne disease	es	
My working unit is not dicontrol activities	irectly involved in or	connected to tick	surveillance and	/or
Other (please describe):				
				X.
The following questions ask operations. If you are not fastelect the appropriate response	amiliar with tick surv	eillance programs	s in your jurisdic	
Are you involved with, or oth programs in your state/juriso		details about, one	or more of the t	cick surveillance
O Yes, I can comment on t	he operation of one o	or more tick survei	llance programs	

To the best of your knowledge, which of the following forms of tick surveillance are **currently** conducted by **at least one agency** in your jurisdiction and/or state? (select all that apply)

Note: If you represent a federal or multi-state agency, or an academic center, please select the forms of tick surveillance applicable to your program(s).

		(Conducted in You	ır State/Jurisdiction?
	Yes	No	I'm Not Sure	Program Discontinued
Routine, regularly implemented active tick surveillance	0	0	0	0
Irregular/ad hoc active tick surveillance	0	0	0	0
Passive tick surveillance	0	0	0	0
Is your state or jurisdiction interested of tick surveillance? Routine, regularly implemented ac Irregular/ad hoc active tick survei Passive tick surveillance No, we are not interested in devel	ctive tio	ck surv	reillance	
Please comment on what factors contribelow: >>> Routine, regularly implemented active tick surveillance >>> Irregular/ad hoc active tick surveillance >>> Passive tick surveillance			Contributing to	
What are the years of operation for the	e tick s	urveill	ance program?	$\forall x$.
Example formats: 1994 - 2004 1994 - present				(O)
				Program Years of Operation Start Conclusion
» Routine, regularly implemented act	ive tick	k surve	rillance	
» Irregular/ad hoc active tick surveill	ance			
» Passive tick surveillance				

To the best of your knowledge, which public agencies are or have been involved in conducting tick surveillance? (if multiple agencies collaborate, select all that apply)

	Local/Municipatr Program	ro goanntyli/Dissticitt o Program	n L Stætle Program	Federal Program
	Local/Municipal Program	County/District Program	State Program	Federal Program
Department/agency of agriculture				
Department/agency of environment				
Department of health				
Department/agency of natural resources				
Department/agency of public works				
Mosquito/vector control district/unit(s)				
Agricultural or Cooperative Extension				
State Public Health Laboratory				
Other (please describe):				
Does your program work with private or ac	ademic partners t	o conduct tick su	rveillance?	
Part	ner with your Prog	ram?	Partne	r
Yes	No I'm Not	Sure O	rganization	Name
Academic institutions	0 0			
Private organizations	0 0			
Please indicate the objectives of your tick	Current Program Objective	Objective Desi	ntly Not	a Program Djective
Detect the presence of ticks by species	0	0,0		0
Evaluate tick abundance by species	0	0		0
Monitor the current distribution of tick species	0		>	0
Monitor the geographic spread of tick species	0	0	///	0
Monitor the emergence of new tick species	0	0		0
Detect the presence of tick-borne pathogens in ticks	0	0		Q
Evaluate the prevalence of tick-borne pathogens in ticks	0	0		0
Evaluate the prevalence of tick-borne pathogens in reservoir hosts	0	0		0
Monitor the abundance of ticks that are of public health concern	0	0		0
Assess infection rates of ticks that are of public health concern	0	0		0
Evaluate or calculate risk of tick-borne illness to humans	0	0		0

		Current Pro		Objective Desired but Not Currently	Not a Program
		Objectiv	'e	Feasible	Objective
Other (please describe):		0		0	0
If your program monitors or otherwi	se tracks	the introdu	iction of	f new species to yo	ur area (native
and/or invasive to the United States), please	describe y	our gene	eral approach to co	nducting this
work:					
Which tick species are of importance	e to your	tick surveil	lance p	rogram?	
		Le	vel of In	nportance in Progra	m
· X >	High	Medium	Low	Not Important	I'm Not Sure
Amblyomma americanum	0	0	0	0	0
Amblyomma maculatum	0	0	0	0	0
Dermacentor albopictus	0	0	0	0	0
Dermacentor andersoni	O	0	0	0	0
Dermacentor occidentalis	0	0	0	0	0
Dermacentor variabilis	O	0	O	0	0
Haemaphysalis longicornis	0	0	0	0	0
Ixodes affinis	0	0	O	0	0
Ixodes pacificus	High	Medium	Low	Not Important	I'm Not Sure
Ixodes scapularis	0	0	6		0
Rhipicephalus (Boophilus)		0			0
annulatus		O	O	(9)	U
Rhipicephalus (Boophilus) microplus	0	0	0	0	0
Rhipicephalus sanguineus	0	\circ	\circ	0	X
Ornithodoros spp.	0	0	0	0	0
Introduction of any exotic species	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please indicate):					
	О	O	O	O	Ų,
How is your tisk surveillance program		l (solost all	that an	ml (12	
How is your tick surveillance program	n runded	i (select all	tnat ap	pty):	
☐ State funding through appropria	tions				
State funding through appropriaState funding through grants	ntions				
_		cooperative	agreem	ents	
State funding through grants	grants/c	cooperative	agreem	ents	

Other (please describe):

not involved in active tick surveilla	•		
O My program is involved in activities area	ve tick surveillance	activities, and I can a	nswer questions in
My program is involved in activation activities. Please take me to t		, but I am not familia i	with these
O My program is not involved in next section.	active tick surveilla	ance activities. Please	take me to the
Does your tick surveillance program	n employ the follow	ving active surveillance	e methods?
, and the second		_	
Dragging with cloth drags	Yes	No	I'm Not Sure
Active collection from	O	O	O
host/reservoir animals	0	O	0
Aspiration of excavated burrows/nests of hosts	0	0	0
Using live, caged sentinel animals	0	0	0
Flagging with cloth flags	0	O	0
Use of baited CO2 traps		O	0
Other (please describe):	0	0	0
If you use a dragging or flagging marrangement you use:	ethod for active tic	k surveillance, please	indicate which sampling
Drag/flag within grid system			
Drag/flag in transect paths			/x .
Drag/flag using both grid syste	·		
☐ Timed collections (e.g., ticks	collected per unit t	ime)	'//
Other (please describe):			
☐ I'm Not Sure			
Not Applicable - our program	does not sample wit	th dragging/flagging	

Please indicate which active tick surveillance sampling approach applies to your program:

Note: For the purposes of this survey, **sampling site** is defined as a specific patch within a landscape identified through GPS coordinates. A location, such as a state park, can have multiple sites within it.

	Same Site in Same Location	Different Sites in Same Location	Different Sites in Different Locations					
Sampled each season								
Sampled every-other season								
Sampled on rotational basis across multiple seasons								
Randomly sampled across seasons								
Sampled in response to disease cases								
Other (please describe):								
How many times do you normal	l ly sample a site in a giv	ven season?						
O Usually more than once								
O Usually just once								
O Dependent on incidence of	disease cases in the sit	e location						
Other (please describe):								
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Please describe how you select	sampling sites for your	active tick surveillance	e program:					
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The following questions ask spe not involved in passive tick surv	-							
O My program is involved in p in this area	passive tick surveillance	activities, and I can ar	nswer questions					
 My program is involved in pactivities. Please take me to 		, but I am not familiar	with these					
My program is not involved next section.	in passive tick surveilla	ance activities. Please	take me to the					
Does your tick surveillance prog	Does your tick surveillance program employ the following passive surveillance methods?							
	Yes	No	I'm Not Sure					
Use of domestic animals as sentinels for human disease	0	0	0					
Passive surveillance of ticks found on humans	0	0	0					
Passive surveillance of ticks found on pets	0	0	0					
Passive surveillance of ticks found on domestic livestock	0	0	0					

	Yes	No	I'm Not Sure
Passive surveillance of ticks found on wildlife	0	0	0
Other (please describe):	0	0	0
From what jurisdictional areas to	o you accept tick sam	ples for your passive surv	reillance program?
Only a single county within	state		
O Multiple counties within star	te		
Entire state			
O Multiple states in my region			
O Entire United States			
O National and international lo	ocations		
Other (please describe):			
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From what organizations or grou	ps do you typically re	ceive tick samples?	
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Veterinarian offices	High Volume	Medium Volume	Low Volume
General public		0	0
Medical providers		0	0
Citizen science projects	0	0	0
Public agencies (e.g., Dept. of Health, Dept. of Agriculture)	0) X ₀	0
Research consortiums	0	O	0
Other (please list):	0		
	O	0	O
The following questions ask abo If you are not familiar with tick	_	•	
select the appropriate response			
Are you familiar with the tick-bo	orne pathogen testing	g activities your program	/jurisdiction is
involved in?			
involved in? Yes, and I can answer questi	ions about tick-borne	pathogen testing in my j	urisdiction

Does your program and/or jurisdiction conduct or provide financial support for testing of ticks or other samples for tick-borne pathogens?

If tick-borne pathogen testing type of testing performed (ch	•	ır program a	and/or juris	diction, p	olease indic	ate the
	Tick Samı	ole(s) Testec	i	Wh	o conducts	testing
	Ticks from Environmental Collections	Ticks from Humans	Ticks from Animals	State- Owned Lab	Academic Lab	Private lab
Anaplasma phagocytophilum						
Babesia microti						
Borrelia burgdorferi						
Borrelia mayonii						
Borrelia miyamotoi						
Other relapsing fever spirochetes (e.g., Borrelia hermsii, B. turicatae)						
Bourbon virus						
Ehrlichia spp.						
Heartland virus						
Powassan virus						
Rickettsia spp.						
Other (please indicate)						
The following questions ask activities in your jurisdiction section of the survey.						
Fick control activities can inc nanagement.	lude pesticide applic	ation, host a	animal redu	iction, an	d vegetatio	on
Are you familiar with the tick	control activities co	onducted in	your jurisdi	ction?		
Yes, and I can answer que	estions about tick co	ntrol activiti	es in my ju	risdiction	•	
 No, I am not familiar with survey. 						

O No

To the best of your knowledge, vactivities? (if multiple agencies of	-	_		ting tick contr	rol
			Program Jurisdict	ion Level	
		Local/Municip	oal County/Distric Program	t State	Federal Program
Department/agency of agricultu	ire				
Department/agency of environn	nent				
Department of health					
Department/agency of natural r	esources				
Department/agency of public w	orks				
Mosquito/vector control district	/unit(s)				
Agricultural or Cooperative Exte	` ′				
State Public Health Laboratory					
Other (please describe):					
Does your program and/or jurisd	iction work	with private o	or academic partne	ers to conduct	tick
control?		er with your P		Partner	Nama
	Yes N		lot Sure	Organization I	Name
Academic institutions	0 (
Private organizations	0 (
Please indicate the forms of tick	control use	ed by your pro	gram:		
			Tick Control A	Nethod Perform	ned?
				loint offer	
		Performed In-House	Contracted Out to Private Company	multiple	e Metho
Application of conventional or schemical pesticides	ynthetic				
Application of botanical pesticides/biopesticides					
Host species reduction programs culling)	s (e.g., dee	r			С
Host species exclusion programs fences)	(e.g., dee				С
Treatment of host species with process, rodent bait boxes, deer for					
Host species exclusion					
Vegetation modification					
Other (please describe):					

O I'm Not Sure

If you indicated that your program uses the application of conventional or synthetic chemical	
pesticides, please indicate which are used (select all that apply):	
☐ Bifenthrin (Talstar®, Ortho® products)	
Carbaryl (Sevin®)	
Cyfluthrin (Tempo®, and other brands)	
☐ Deltamethrin (DeltaGard®, Suspend®)	
☐ lambda-cyhalothrin (Scimitar®, Demand®)	
Permethrin (Permethrin, Astro®, Ortho® products, Bonide® products)	
Pyrethrins (Pyrenone®, Kicker®)	
Other (please list):	
☐ I'm Not Sure	
Not Applicable - Conventional/synthetic pesticides are not used by my program	
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If you indicated that your program uses the application of botanical or biopesticides, please indicate which are used (select all that apply):	
Metarhizium brunneum/anisopliae entomopathogenic fungus (Met52®)	
☐ Garlic oil	
☐ Rosemary oil	
Peppermint oil	
☐ Cedar oil	
Nookatone	
☐ Mixed essential oils (lemongrass, thyme, geraniol)	
Other (please list):	
☐ I'm Not Sure	
Not Applicable - Botanical/biopesticides are not used by my program	
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If you indicated that your program applies treatment to tick hosts, please indicate which methods are used (select all that apply):)
☐ Topical acaricide rodent bait box (Select TCS™)	
☐ Tick Tubes (Damminix®)	
4-Poster Tickicide (deer)	
Anti-tick vaccine	
Oral Lyme disease vaccine bait	
Oral tick growth regulator	
Other (please list):	
☐ I'm Not Sure	

☐ Not Applicable - My program does not perform tick host treatments

Does your program and/or jurisd monitoring/assessments among le			icide resistance				
O Yes							
O No							
O Not Sure							
If you indicated that your program or assessment, please briefly the		ially supports pesticide r	resistance monitoring				
Please describe how information control program is shared/dissen		illance, tick-borne patho	gen testing, and/or				
☐ Information not shared							
Results drafted into summar	y reports available or	nline					
Results incorporated into ma	aps made available or	nline					
Results drafted into summar	y reports sent to spe	ific stakeholder audiend	ces				
Results drafted into education	onal materials to info	rm public/communities					
Reported to CDC through app	propriate databases	3 X					
Reported to CDC through and	nual ELC or EIP repor	ts					
Results shared with local hea	alth departments	''///					
Results shared with partner	agencies within state						
Results shared with partner	agencies in neighbori	ng states					
Results shared with medical	providers		/X +				
Data made available to the p	oublic online						
Data shared with academic p	partners for analysis						
Other (please describe):	Other (please describe):						
☐ Not Applicable							
Please describe any barriers you	face in sharing tick-r	elated information with	the public:				
	Major Barrier	Minor Barrier	Not a Barrier				
Lack of funds to develop public-facing materials	0	0	0				
Lack of personnel trained in communication	0	0	0				
Lack of software to develop public-facing materials	0	0	0				

Language barriers	O	O		O
Cultural barriers	0	0		0
Restrictive institutional policies	0	0		0
Lack of time	0	0		0
Complexity of tick-borne disease topics	0	0	0	
Other (please describe):	\circ	0		\circ
	O	O		
Please describe any barriers you fa	ace in sharing tick su	ırveillance, testing,	and/or control	data with
partners and/or stakeholders:		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
\cup X	Major Barrier	Minor Barrier	Not a	Barrier
Lack of minimum data set	Major Barrier			_
requirements	O	O		O
Lack of standardized protocols across agencies	0	0	0	
Time & effort costs of preparing data for sharing	60	0	0	
Lack of trained personnel	0	0		0
Last of management authorized		^		\circ
Lack of necessary software Incompatibility between		, 0	'	O
surveillance databases	0	0	0	
Lack of data sharing guidance	0	2	0	
Restrictive institutional data sharing policies	0	0		0
Personal data protection laws	0	0	0	
Difficulty establishing data sharing agreements	0	0	4/0	
Intellectual property rights/data ownership concerns	0	0	0	
Other (please describe):	0	0		0
What are the most significant barrin your program or jurisdiction? (see		nd/or enhancing tic	k surveillance a	and control
			Barrier to	Barrier to
			Tick Surveillance	Tick Control
Funding constraints				
Lack of trained personnel				

Major Barrier

Minor Barrier

Not a Barrier

	Barrier to	Barrier to			
	Tick Surveillance	Tick Control			
Competing priorities for limited program resources (e.g., mosquito, flea, bed bug)					
Limitations in facilities/equipment					
Lack of access to testing labs/resources					
Coordination among agencies/units					
Lack of guidelines for best practices					
Lack of evidence-based, large-scale tick management practices					
Other (please describe):					
When thinking about tick surveillance , what efforts or activities do you think could resolve barriers to program development or enhancement?					
When thinking about tick control , what efforts or activities do you think could resolve barriers to program development or enhancement?					
Please use the space below to share additional details about tick surveillance, tick-borne pathogen testing, and/or tick control in your area that have not otherwise been addressed in this survey.					
You have finished answering all of the questions in this survey. If you would like to take this moment to review your answers and make any changes, please do so by selecting the "back" button below.					
If you are satisfied with your responses, please select "continue" to subn	nit your survey.				