

Ticks, Mosquitoes, & Our Health

March 10, 2020 Webinar for Land Managers and Outdoor Workers

Remember these top 10 messages from today's presentation:

1. Outdoor recreation is an important part of living in Minnesota; however, pests like ticks and mosquitoes are a barrier to enjoying the outdoors for (55%) of Minnesotans.
2. The (blacklegged tick) spreads nearly all of Minnesota's endemic tickborne diseases, making it the main tick of public health concern.
3. (37%) of blacklegged ticks in Minnesota are infected with a disease agent.
4. Since the mid-1990s, the annual number of reported tickborne disease cases has (increased).
5. There are over (51) types of mosquitoes in MN but only a few bite humans and spread disease.
6. West Nile virus disease risk is most prevalent in the (western), agricultural parts of the state.
7. Tick checks should be done at least (once) a day after spending time around woods.
8. Reduce mosquito breeding around home, work sites, and recreational areas by removing or emptying (water holding containers) such as buckets, flowerpots, and tires.
9. EPA-registered repellents such as (DEET) and (permethrin) are safe and effective for preventing tick and mosquito (bites).
10. Park and land managers can contact the MDH Vectorborne Diseases Unit to ask questions or request materials and (presentations).

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