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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022  
10:00 A.M.**

**Present In-Person: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Mussare, Commissioner Mirabito, Mya Toon (for Director McDermott.) Via Telephone: J David Smith, Solicitor**

**1.0 OPERATIONS**

- 1.1 Opening Prayer
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Convene Commissioners' Public Meeting
- 1.4 Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 1.5 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only
- 1.6 Proclamations:
  - Institutional Parole and Corrections Employee Week  
Accepted by Warden Brad Shoemaker
  - Law Day in Lycoming County  
Accepted by Judge Frye
- 1.7 Non-Profit Informational Series: "What They Do for You?"
  - Central PA Food Bank – Joe Arthur  
<https://www.centralpafoodbank.org/>

**2.0 BID OPENING**

- 2.1 Krista Rogers – Open the following bid:
  - Invitation to Bid for Drainage Work at White Deer Golf Course  
**Xtreme Golf Management**  
**George E Ley Company - Glenmore, Pa**  
**Us Pitchcare LLC**

**3.0 REPORTS**

- 3.1 Brandy Clemens – Vote to ratify accounts payable cash requirement report in the amount of ~~\$922,261.86~~ \$922,159.72 (duplicate invoice of \$102.14 removed prior to payment) invoices due through 05/11/2022 that were paid on 05/04/2022.

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 3.2 Jessica Segraves – Vote to approve personnel actions report for the month of April.

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

#### **4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 4.1 Christian Boyer – Presentation on Deer Tick Virus.

#### **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

- 5.1 Jessica Segraves – Vote to approve Amendments to the following health and benefit plans:

- Employee Benefit Plan - AETNA PPO Group Health Plan
- Prison Union Employee Benefit Plan
- Pre-Release Union Employee Benefit Plan

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 5.2 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Change Order No. 2 and 3 with Turnkey Construction for the construction of an employee health & wellness center (non-budgeted item).

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 5.3 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Agreement with Enginuity Mechanical Contractors (2022 budgeted item).

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 5.4 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the 2022-2023 Radiation Emergency Response Fund Grant Agreement (2022 budgeted item).

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 5.5 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Emergency Resolution for Resource Management Services.

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 5.6 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Resolution 2022-10.

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 5.7 Nancy Ackley – Vote to approve Agreement with Gillum Psychological & Counseling Services (2022 budgeted item).

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 5.8 Nancy Ackley – Vote to approve Amendment to Agreement with Dinges, Dinges, & Waltz, LLC. (2022 budgeted item).

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 5.9 Nancy Ackley – Vote to approve Amendment to Agreement with Chester County (2022 budgeted item).

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

5.10 Austin Daily – (via telephone) Vote to approve Change Order #2 with Wolyniec Construction for Bridge Bundling Program Bundle 2 – General Construction (Act 13 funds/Local Use Ordinance).

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

## **6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

**Mr. Metzger would like everyone to support local businesses' they are the heart and soul County. Thanked all small businesses for what they do for their local communities. Attending a recent award ceremony – he came away with be kind, and always share your God given talents--.**

**Mr. Mussare also attended the award ceremony and came away with --don't waste time on negativity--**

**Mr. Mirabito attended the Technology Center where students uninterested in pursuing a college degree can study for jobs in the field(s) of Early Childhood, Technology, Culinary, Automotive, and Criminal Justice, etc. Would like the County to consider internships for the students, especially those interested in fields related to criminal justice.**

## **7.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speakers who wish to address the Board of Commissioners will be limited for no more than three (3) minutes on any particular item. The speaker must state his/her name and address for the record. Any deviation from this rule must be approved by the Board Chairman.

### **John Shireman/Jersey Shore:**

Commented on politicians that allegedly speak false truths  
Commented on retesting and recounting (already tested and recounted) votes again is a waste of taxpayers money  
Commented on our local drug crisis

### **Thomas Adams/Williamsport:**

Commented on how the public needs to speak kinder to each other  
Commented on the problems mail-in voting causes  
Commented on appreciating the parole and law enforcement and prays for them all  
Commented on many mental health issues in this day and age

YouTube Live Comments:

None

## **8.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 12, 2022**, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Board Room, 1st Floor, Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

**TO VIEW THIS MEETING PLEASE GO TO:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwFYtilw7dQ>



**PROCLAMATION**  
**INSTITUTIONAL PAROLE**  
**AND**  
**CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEE WEEK**



**May 1-7, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania’s correctional system is the oldest in the our nation, advancing from the original establishment of Philadelphia’s Walnut Street Jail in 1773 and the Eastern Penitentiary in 1829; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Pennsylvania System,” as it became known, was the principal influence in the development of penology throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and set in motion modern corrections; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Pennsylvania faces continued difficult challenges in corrections. With twenty-three state correctional institutions, one training academy, one motivational boot camp, two central office buildings, fourteen community corrections centers, forty contract facilities, sixty-three county prisons and jails, and ten federal facilities and offices, our correctional facilities house approximately 73,350 inmates; and

**WHEREAS**, the secure and safe operation and management of those facilities rests in the hands of nearly 31,500 trained, skilled, and devoted corrections professionals. They are corrections administrators, business administrators and purchasing agents, corrections officers, counselors, treatment specialists, educators, clerical support staff, personnel and labor relations specialists, social workers, clergy, medical professionals, food service specialists, computer technicians, reentry specialists, parole agents, parole supervisors and administrative positions, planners and research analysts, and skilled craftspeople upon whose skills, efficiency and professionalism that the Pennsylvania correctional system relies heavily upon; and

**WHEREAS**, although each of these dedicated professionals works in a different field and specializes in a specific area, they are all committed to a common goal: the secure, safe, and humane operation of our commonwealth’s correctional facilities where the employees work to lessen future crime through the delivery of programs and guidance to try diligently to change the individual’s criminal behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 2020, the commonwealth was faced with its first public health pandemic emergency in over 100 years with the detection of COVID-19. Individuals who work in the parole and correctional fields demonstrate exceptional levels of dedication to protecting the health and welfare of all the inmates, prisoners, parolees, and re-entrants and each other across the Commonwealth, and continue to do so today.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Commissioners of Lycoming County hereby proclaim the week of May 1st -7th, 2022 as “INSTITUTIONAL PAROLE AND CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEE WEEK” in Lycoming County. We encourage all citizens to recognize the crucial role these dedicated professionals play in ensuring the effective operation of our Pennsylvania correctional system in the interest of public safety.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have set our hand and seal this 5th day of May, 2022.

**Lycoming County Commissioners**

*Scott L. Metzger*

**Scott L. Metzger, Chairman**

*Tony R. Mussare*

**Tony R. Mussare, Vice Chairman**

*Richard Mirabito*

**Richard Mirabito, Secretary**







*WHEREAS*, Law Day, first held in 1958, was established in the United States and exemplifies the merits of our court system; and

*WHEREAS*, Law Day affords citizens the opportunity to reflect on our country's judicial system, a system that provides a forum for the peaceable resolution of disputes among citizens, permits citizens to obtain indemnification of their grievances, even grievances against the government itself, and provides extensive protection of the defendant to protect against the possibility of unjust imprisonment by an overzealous government, a system which seems preferable to an unchecked government which cannot be held to account; and

*WHEREAS*, Law Day is observed in our community with activities which include honoring Law Day essay and art winners, presentations by local government officials and judicial representatives and celebrations of our court system.

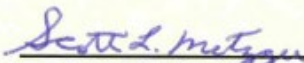
*NOW THEREFORE*, The Board of Commissioners of the County of Lycoming, proclaim Thursday, May 5, 2022 as

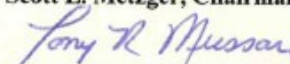
## *"Law Day"*

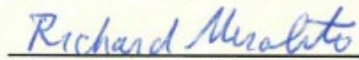
in the County of Lycoming and encourage citizens to recognize the advantages of our judicial system and to support all those who are intricately involved in our court system and who strive toward "justice for all".

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, we have set our hand and seal 5th day of May, 2022.

**Lycoming County Commissioners**

  
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Vector Management



# Tick Surveillance and Testing Program

Christian N. Boyer

PA DEP

5-5-22

# Tick Program

## Goals

- Gain a better understanding of the distribution, density, and phenology of the ticks of Pennsylvania
- Infection Rate of *Ixodes scapularis* Nymphs and Adults
  - Human Infection rates
- Surveillance is conducted in Spring Summer Months (April-August)
- Adult Surveillance Conducted Fall/Winter Months (October-April)

2021 SPRING-SUMMER TICK SURVEY GUIDE

## Pennsylvania Arboviral Surveillance Network

*A collaborative partnership between the Department of Environmental Protection and County Government*



## Surveillance Breakdown and Focus

- *Ixodes scapularis* and pathogens they carry in public use areas
  - County or Municipal Parks
  - State Game Lands
  - State Parks- 72% sampled
  - State Forests- 70% sampled
- Fall/Winter Surveillance Target *Ixodes scapularis* adults- October
  - *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*, *Babesia microti*, *Borrelia miyamotoi*, Deer Tick Virus (Powassan Virus Lineage II), *Borrelia mayonii*
- Spring/Summer *Ixodes scapularis* nymphs- mid April-August
  - Utilize existing infrastructure of county level mosquito control programs- 45; the other 22 are surveyed by DEP staff- minimum of 2 sites sampled biweekly
  - Provide Grant funding to the Counties to conduct this work
  - *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*, *Babesia microti*





# PA Surveillance

- Surveillance Types

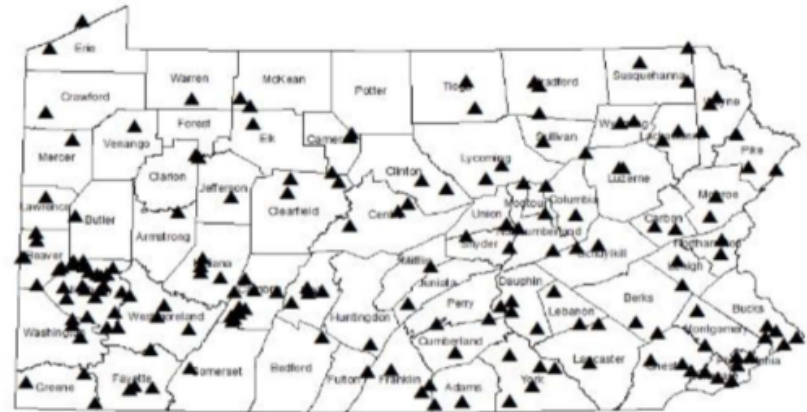
- Dragging
  - 1m<sup>2</sup> felt drag

- Dry ice trapping



## Results Cont.

- 2020-2021- Adult survey
  - *Ixodes scapularis*- 4,498
    - Bb- 58%, Ap- 12%, Bm- 3.7%, DTV- .44%
- 2021- Nymphal survey
  - *Ixodes scapularis*- 3,288
    - Bb- 24.5%, Ap-6.56%, Bm- 1.4%
- 2021-2022- Adult survey
  - *Ixodes scapularis*- 4,978
    - Ap- 10.2%, B. mi- 1.5%, B. ma- 0%,  
DTV- 3.0%\*



### Legend

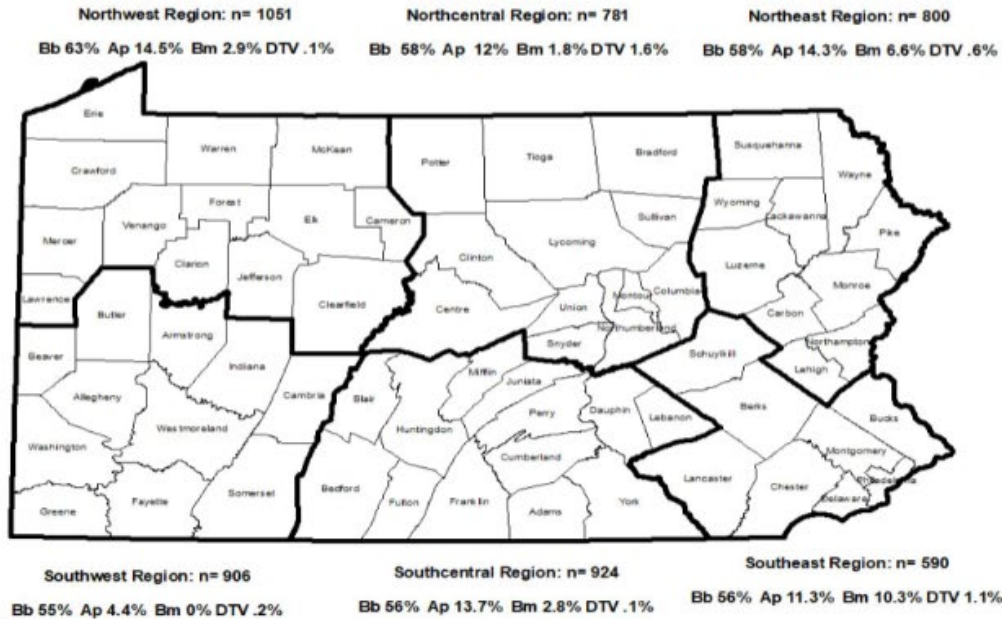
▲ 2021 Nymph Sites

0 40 80 160 Kilometers



# Adult Statewide Infection Rates

## 2019-2020 Adult *Ix. scapularis* Infection Rates



# Lycoming County Statistics 2018-Present



	<u>Life Stage</u>		<u>Pathogens</u>			
	<u>Immature</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Lyme</u>	<u>Anaplasma</u>	<u>Babesia</u>	<u>B. miyamotoi</u>
Blacklegged Tick	83	380	48%	10%	3.30%	1.70%
American Dog Tick		14				





## Findings

- *H. longicornis*- 2019
  - Documented establishment and expansion
- 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf Coast Ticks in PA
  - Establishment in Philadelphia
- Deer Tick Virus



## H. longicornis Distribution

### Haemaphysalis longicornis Historical



- First Collected in May 2019 in Bucks Co.
- Established population documented in 6 Counties by the end of 2019
- Testing conducted by CDC
- '20-'21- Dauphin, Allegheny, Schuylkill, Fayette established



# Gulf Coast Tick

- 2021
  - Philadelphia County
    - 2 sites- Establishment at both
    - 1<sup>st</sup> established populations in PA
  - Bucks County- 1 specimen
  - Franklin County- 4 specimens
- 2022- Phenology



*Amblyomma maculatum* Distribution



## Deer Tick Virus

- 2019
  - 5 positive ticks in 3 Counties
  - MIR- .09%
- 2020
  - 24 positive ticks in 10 counties
  - “Hotspots” found in Bradford and Schuylkill
  - Statewide Infection rate- 0.6%
- 2021
  - 116 positives in 17 counties
  - “Hotspots” in Clearfield, Centre, Wyoming Counties
  - Statewide infection rate- 0.6% excluding hotspots
  - Going forward?

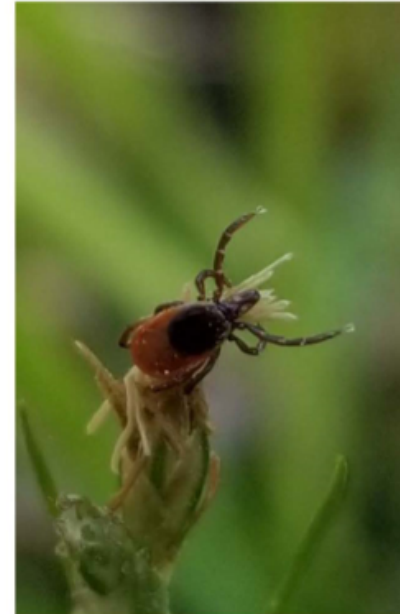
Deer Tick Virus Distribution 2021-2022





## Deer Tick Virus

- Powassan Virus Lineage II
  - Transmitted by *Ixodes scapularis*
  - Transmitted in 15 minutes
- Human Health Impacts
  - Flu-like symptoms
  - 78% will develop severe neuroinvasive disease
  - 12% end in death



## Deer Tick Virus

- Public signs were developed and hung
- Control measures will be conducted to reduce the tick populations and risk
  - Permethrin Barrier Spray
  - Tick tubes


**HIGH INFECTION RATE AREA**

**DEER TICK VIRUS!**  
*aka Powassan Virus*



- Rare and dangerous
- Take precautions!
- Infected tick bite can cause serious neurological illness
- Transmission can occur in 15 minutes
- Use insect repellent (DEET/Permethrin)
- Avoid contact with ground vegetation
- Perform tick checks & shower after leaving
- Questions? Contact DEP Vector Mgmt:  
717-772-8946  
RA-EPTICKINFO@pa.gov

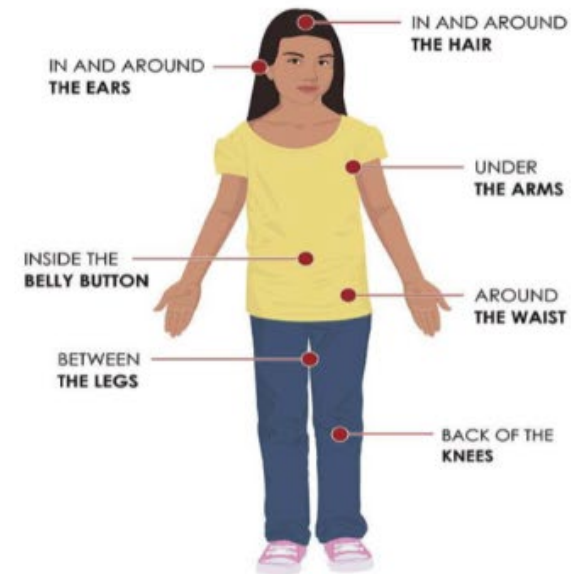
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# Personal Protection Measures

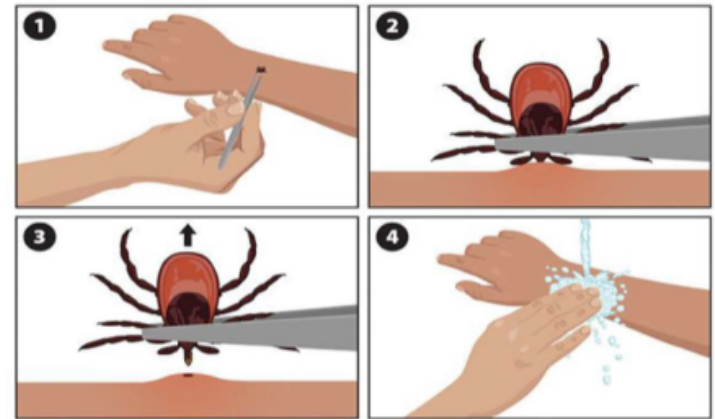
- Permethrin (Good for 6 washes)
- Repellent containing DEET
- Light colored clothing
- Tuck shirt into pants and pants into socks
- Perform regular tick checks while in the field
- Check yourself and pets for ticks
- Put clothes in dryer
- Shower after field work
- Tick Removal



## Personal Protection Measures

### How to Remove a Tick

1. As soon as possible use fine tipped tweezers to grasp the tick close to the skin's surface.
2. Pull upward with steady and even pressure. Do not twist or jerk the tick as this can cause the mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin.
3. After thoroughly removing the tick, clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/ticks/](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/)





**April Action Items  
Submitted: May 5, 2022**

<b>Date Effective</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Pay Grade &amp; Step</b>	<b>Full-Time</b>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Hourly</b>
4/3/2022	John Zay	Facilities Management	Maintenance II	6	X			\$18.76
4/3/2022	Jeff O'Connor	RMS	Floating Truck Driver	6	X			\$18.00
4/4/2022	Riley Nonemaker	APO	Clerk III	4	X			\$14.44
4/4/2022	Jennifer Cartagena	APO	Clerk III	4	X			\$14.44
4/4/2022	Daniel Bower	RMS	Transfer Stat. Truck Driver	6	X			\$18.00
4/10/2022	Jeff O'Connor	Facilities Management	Custodial Worker	2	X			\$12.21
4/10/2022	Mark Stetts	Prison	Correctional Officer	COI	X			\$18.10
4/11/2022	Caitlin Karolyi	DPS	Telecommunicator Tainee	6	X			\$17.18
4/11/2022	Patrick Maggs	Facilities Management	Maintenance II	6	X			\$18.76
4/11/2022	Rebecca Thomas	Facilities Management	Custodial Worker	2	X			\$12.21
4/17/2022	William Miller	DPS-EMS	Regional EMS Training Coordinator	7	X		\$36,533.52	
4/17/2022	Tyrell Drick	RMS	Support Supervisor	7	X			\$26.73
4/18/2022	Kathleen Stillings	Controllers	Administrative Specialist	6		X		\$15.95
4/24/2022	Courtney Davis	Prison	Correctional Officer	COI	X			\$18.10
4/25/2022	Chelsea O'Hara	Assessment	Clerk III	4	X			\$14.44
4/25/2022	Joshua Wolfe	Sheriff's Office	Deputy Sheriff	DS	X			\$18.34