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SUBJ: DOD HUMAN TICK TEST KIT PROGRAM

1. The Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center identified several areas where active duty service members may be at increased risk for Lyme disease. For Coast Guard personnel, the highest rates of Lyme disease were found at the following locations: Boston, MA, Cape Cod, MA, New London, CT, Cape May, NJ, East Moriches, NY, Washington, DC, Portsmouth, VA, Pensacola, FL, and New Orleans, LA.
2. To help combat the threat of tick-borne disease, the Army Institute of Public Health (AIPH) provides a tick identification and testing service. This service is known as the DoD Human Tick Test Kit Program and it serves as a first alert for tick-bite patients and their health care provider.
3. The AIPH will provide Tick Test Kits to the Coast Guard clinics and sickbays located at the high-risk locations noted in paragraph 1. Health care providers can use these kits to submit ticks that have been removed from tick-bite patients to the AIPH laboratory for species identification and pathogen analysis.
4. Additional information on the Human Tick Test Kit program can be found on the Health Services (CG-112) website at [http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cg112/cg1121/preventive\(UNDERSCORE\)med\(UNDERSCORE\).asp](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cg112/cg1121/preventive(UNDERSCORE)med(UNDERSCORE).asp).
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6. CAPT Erica G. Schwartz, Chief, Office of Health Services sends.
7. Internet release authorized.

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