Instructions for submitting ticks for testing

Ticks brought to or mailed to our office for identification, may be put into a zip-lock plastic bag with water moistened cotton or tissue (we do not submit the ticks for you). If the tick(s) are sent directly to a lab, place the tick into a crush-proof container with moistened cotton or tissue, complete the laboratory’s request form and submit. Followings are laboratories available for testing the ticks for Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases:

Specimens that are alive or recently dead may be tested by IFA. The laboratories below will test tick by IFA tests:


For more information, please contact Alameda County Vector Control Services District at 510-567-6800.