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**Health Alert**  
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**Orange County Health Department**

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**NEW Guidance for Arboviral and Tickborne Diseases**

1. NC DHHS Division of Public Health has issued the [2014 surveillance memoranda for arboviral, Lyme and tickborne diseases](http://epi.publichealth.nc.us.gov/cd/diseases/vector.html). Please see attached materials. You can also access these at <http://epi.publichealth.nc.us.gov/cd/diseases/vector.html>.
2. Governor McCrory declares [APRIL 2014](http://www.governor.state.nc.us/newsroom/proclamation/20140401/tick-and-mosquito-awareness-month) as "[Tick and Mosquito Awareness Month](http://www.governor.state.nc.us/newsroom/proclamation/20140401/tick-and-mosquito-awareness-month)"  
Proclamation can be viewed at <http://www.governor.state.nc.us/newsroom/proclamation/20140401/tick-and-mosquito-awareness-month>.
3. **Thursday, April 10, 2014:** CDC is offering a [Clinician Outreach Conference Call](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_041014.asp) on tickborne diseases. This event provides free continuing education credit (CME / CNE) for participants. Go to [http://www.bt.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo\\_041014.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_041014.asp) for details and access information. Live webcast and audio conference call is 2:00-3:00 pm. The training is also available via Web-on-demand viewing after 4:00.

Presenters from the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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"Overview: From May through July, people get tick bites and tickborne diseases more often than any other time of year in the United States. In 2012, over 4,000 cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and 30,000 cases of Lyme disease were reported to CDC. Tickborne diseases can cause symptoms that range from mild to life-threatening. Early recognition and treatment of tickborne diseases decreases the risk of serious complications. During this COCA call, CDC subject matter experts will describe the signs and symptoms, treatment, management, and prevention of tickborne diseases in the U.S., with an emphasis on Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever."