

## **Arthropod Specimen Identification**

SEND TO SPECIMEN IDENTIFICATION, Illinois Dept. of Public Health,  
Div. of Environmental Health, 525 W. Jefferson St., Springfield, IL 62761

SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSON TO RECEIVE IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION** *(if different from above)* :

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS ***(information will be sent here)*** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLECTION INFORMATION** COLLECTED FROM: CITY \_\_\_\_\_ CO. \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCUMSTANCES \_\_\_\_\_  
*(e.g., found in garden, in food, in pet bedding, on person, in stool sample, etc.)*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** ***(Do not use patient names)***

Specimen ID Number: (assigned by submitting organization) \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic/Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Physician \_\_\_\_\_ OR Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- 1 Submit specimens in leak-proof containers. Avoid taping or gluing specimens.
- 2 Certain specimens (e.g., ticks, insect larvae) should be in 70% ethanol or isopropyl alcohol.
- 3 Mail specimens in crush-proof containers (plastic vials, med/specimen bottles, boxes, etc.).
- 4 Specimens will be identified, but not tested for the presence of pathogens or disease.
- 5 Most specimens are identified and a written report mailed the same day they are received.  
If you do not receive information within 7 days, please contact Curt Colwell, PhD at  
217-782-5830 or e-mail CURT.COLWELL@ILLINOIS.GOV
- 6 This form is online at: [www.idph.state.il.us/forms/ohp/ArthropodSpecimenForm.pdf](http://www.idph.state.il.us/forms/ohp/ArthropodSpecimenForm.pdf)

**DETERMINATION:** (for IDPH use) \_\_\_\_\_

IDPH specimen # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Identified \_\_\_\_\_ Identified by \_\_\_\_\_