

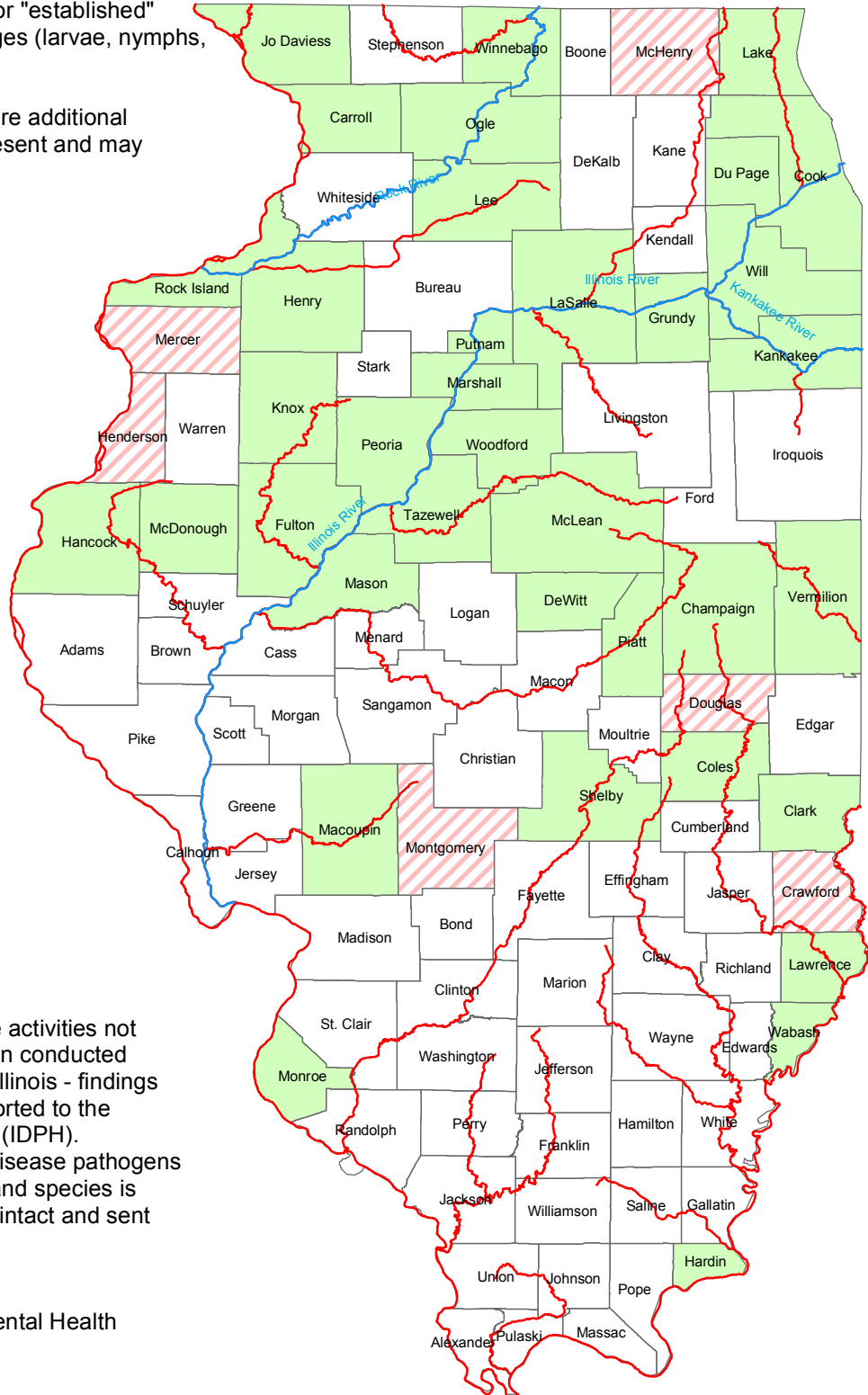
Known Geographic Distribution of *Ixodes scapularis* by county in Illinois 2016

Ixodes scapularis is also known as the "deer tick" and the "black-legged tick".
Amblyomma americanum, the lone star tick, and *Dermacentor variabilis*, the American dog tick, should be presumed present throughout the state.

Shaded counties denote where the "deer tick" has been found repeatedly in the environment and is believed established. CDC criteria for "established" ticks are at least 6 ticks or 2 life stages (larvae, nymphs, adults) identified.

Cross-hatched counties denote where additional reports suggest the "deer tick" is present and may be established.

Counties added during 2016:
 Hancock County – Established



Additional tick and host surveillance activities not depicted on this map may have been conducted by other agencies/organizations in Illinois - findings reflected on this map are those reported to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). IDPH does not perform testing for disease pathogens in ticks but identification for genus and species is performed at IDPH when the tick is intact and sent in a crush-proof container to:

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