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Get Ticks Off

Tularemia in Humans — Missouri, 2000–2007 Recorded: July 14, 2009; posted: July 16, 2009

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If your summer plans include the great outdoors, beware of a potential hazard. The bite of an infected tick can result in serious illness and even death. Illnesses caused by a tick bite often include flu-like symptoms. Two diseases carried by ticks are Tularemia and Lyme disease. A common symptom of Lyme disease is an expanding circular rash.

People who camp, hike, or engage in activities in wooded areas should use tick repellant, wear protective clothing, and check for and remove ticks on their bodies. Animal owners should check their pets for ticks.

If you've been bitten by a tick and are having flu-like symptoms, see your healthcare provider immediately.

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