

Tick Removal Procedure

- 1) Tick bites should be attended to promptly.
 - a. Remove the tick by grasping firmly with tweezers, fingers shielded by gloves, a piece of paper towel, or cotton balls.
 - b. Use tweezers for tiny ticks.
 - c. Get as close to the skin as possible
- 2) Pull firmly- do not twist or jerk.
- 3) Mouthparts usually come out intact, but if the mouthparts of the tick break off, consult a physician.
- 4) Never kill the tick while it is still attached to the skin.
- 5) Cleanse the area of the tick bite gently with soap and water. Person who removed the tick should wash hands with soap and water also.
- 6) If the tick has been crushed, wash all contaminated areas of the body thoroughly. Area may be cleansed with an alcohol swab.
- 7) Record the date of the tick removal on the calendar and inform the parents promptly.
- 8) Tell the parent to write the date on their calendar.
- 9) Send "Tick Removal Letter" home, make a copy and put in the school nurse's box.

Procedure approved per Dr. Sheryl Gravelle-Camelo
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