

# I have been bitten by a tick:

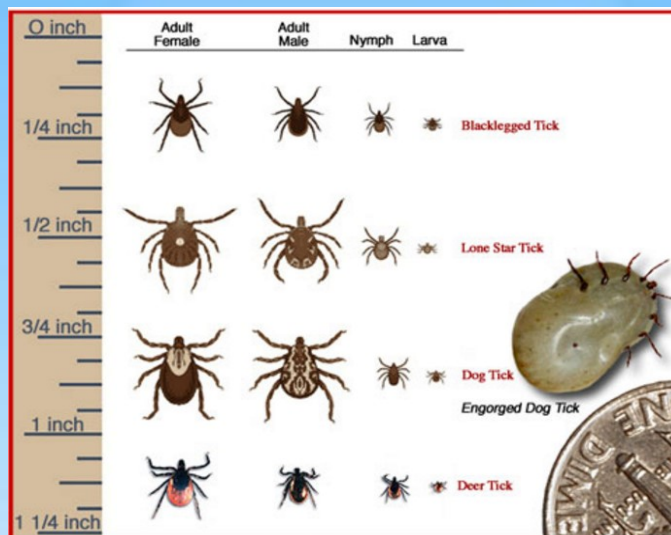
## Do I need antibiotics?

### Was the tick a deer tick?

Lyme disease comes from bite of a deer tick of any age; no other tick species causes Lyme disease. Refer to the Vermont Department of Health Website to review types of ticks and their markings:

[http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/lyme/lyme\\_disease.aspx](http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/lyme/lyme_disease.aspx)

If the tick was **NOT** a deer tick, you do **NOT** need antibiotics for Lyme disease.



### How long was the tick attached?

If the tick was attached less than 36 hours, transmission of Lyme is unlikely to have occurred and you do **NOT** need antibiotics.

### I have been bitten by a deer tick and it has been attached for 36 hours

Call your primary care office promptly. A course of antibiotics can prevent Lyme disease from occurring.

### I am not sure what type of tick bit me and/or how long it has been attached

Call your primary care office. Carefully reviewing your history and monitoring your symptoms is crucial and will help determine if you need treatment.