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With snow on the ground you would think ticks would be gone for the season. Although snow can make it harder for you to come in contact with a tick, due to being outside less. However, if you frequent walks in the woods or are a hunter, ticks tend to be more active in temperatures above 37°F. The stage of life most active from November through March is the adult black-legged tick. It is a commonly believed myth that a harsh winter will kill off most of the ticks, this is not true however. During the winter on days that are too cold to survive on the surface, they tunnel under ground. This keeps them warm enough to survive and allows them to reemerge as soon as temperatures reach above 37°F.

Cumberland County Vector Control captured adult black-legged ticks up until mid-December in 2019. Although we are not doing sampling this fall/winter we will pick back up sample in the spring. At that time we will be looking for nymphs of the black-legged tick which are most active at the end of April through July.



Pictured above is a male black-legged tick that is crawling out of a small bottle



Pictured above is the county health specialist dragging for ticks. This is how Cumberland County collects the ticks to be tested