



Putnam County Department of Health



The Health Department needs your help in our effort to provide an accurate accounting of Lyme disease in our county. There are bird counts, population counts, now LYME counts!

Dear Office Manager:

Lyme disease, by law, must be reported to the local health department. However, we do not receive many reports of Putnam County residents who are diagnosed by an Erythema migrans, the bull's eye rash, by health care providers in your office. PCDOH doesn't get lab reports for these folks so they don't get counted.

SO... to get this data for this "tick" season, please help us!

For the months of June, July, August, September, and October:

Please follow these simple steps:

1. Choose someone in the office to oversee the process.
2. Label a bin or develop your own system for where to place a patient record of anyone diagnosed with Lyme disease by an EM (bull's eye) rash.
3. Take data from this record and enter it on the simple line list that came with this notice.
4. When the mood strikes – every two weeks or less please, print out the line list and fax it to us. You don't even need a cover page! OR e-mail it to me.

Fax # is (845) 808-1336.

To receive the line list electronically, please email me and I will send it to you.

Feel free to call us with any questions at (845) 808-1390.

Sincerely,

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