



Town of Islesboro

TICK BULLETIN

August 2014

On May 15, 2014 the IHC'S Health Advisory Board established the Tick-borne Disease Prevention Committee in order to monitor tick-borne disease on the island and to provide information to the Islesboro community. This is the fourth in a series of monthly bulletins which will include new information as it becomes available.

TICK-RELATED VISITS TO THE HEALTH CENTER

Circumstance	Treatment	Number of Cases	
		March 30th to July 25th of...	
		2013	2014
Tick found on body; no bite.	No antibiotic; monitoring	22	23
Tick bite, attached for 24 hours or more. Suspicion of infection.	One-time dose doxycycline	42	33
Tick bite, attached for 24 hours and/or rash, fever, strong clinical suspicion of tick-borne disease or confirmed diagnosis according to CDC guidelines.	14-21 day course of antibiotic (doxycycline for adults, amoxicillin for children)	46	18
Secondary illness - potential for chronic illness		0	2
	Total tick-related visits	110	76*

*Four bites were received off-island.