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Please publish the attached press release as soon as possible. If you have any questions you may call me at the above number. Thank you.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Latest Information About Tick Management Now Available

The Central Connecticut Health District now has the latest edition of the Tick Management Handbook prepared by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. The Health District has also provided copies of the handbook to the public libraries in Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield so residents may access its information more easily.

The handbook provides information ranging from a description of the various ticks found in the Northeast, a discussion of diseases associated with tick bites, and information dealing with personal protection measures as well as environmental management of tick populations. The handbook points out that ticks are a year-round concern, as the young (nymphs) are active during the late spring and summer, and the adults are active in the fall, on warm days in the winter, and in the spring.

Residents may view the information in the handbook at any of the Health District offices in the four health district towns or at the public libraries in Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield. Further information about ticks or Lyme disease is available at the Central Connecticut Health District at www.ccthd.org (860-721-2822), the Department of Environmental Protection <http://dep.state.ct.us/mosquito/index.asp> (860-424-4184), the Department of Public Health <http://www.state.ct.us/dph> (860-509-7994 and 860-509-7742), and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiments Station <http://www.caes.state.ct.us> (203-974-8500).