

## Tick Awareness Activities- May 2019

### **NJ Department of Health, Infectious & Zoonotic Disease Program**

- A proclamation was signed by Governor Murphy declaring May to be “Tick-borne Disease Awareness Month”. Kim sent a scanned copy in her “VBD News and Updates” email on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Clinician outreach planned- targeting SFGR and B. miyamotoi awareness and information
- 2 part webinar organized with CDC, first part is on May 23 and second in July
- Tick surveillance project focused on Asian longhorned tick- funding is in hands of NJDEP; waiting to hear details from Scott
- Social media blasts including sharing Columbia University’s phone app (encourages public to report daily activity and tick encounters; NJDOH will receive aggregated data from counties)
- CDS forum on case investigation (Dates?)

### **Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division**

- “Monmouth in Focus” segment (local TV show) will be recorded with Andrea & Freeholder Kiley on May 3. Planning to air later in May and will be posted to Monmouth County’s Facebook page. Will send link when I have it.
- Hoping Freeholders will pass a resolution in support of Tick-borne Disease Awareness Month at May 16 meeting. I will share draft language when we have it.
- Environmental planning board roundtable event about ticks and mosquitoes (Dina, Vicki are speakers) has been moved to June 5.

### **Rutgers Center for Vector Biology**

- Alvaro will be giving a talk on May 6<sup>th</sup> in Franklin Township about tick-borne diseases
- Dina and Alvaro are presenting at the Rutgers cooperative extension Master Gardener training about ticks on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Busch Campus Center. Tadhgh and a representative from USDA will also be presenting at this event.
- Rutgers will have an event on May 30<sup>th</sup> with Ben Beard (Deputy Director of the CDC’s Division of Vector-Borne Diseases; visiting from Ft. Collins CO), Rutgers higher ups and politicians. Details TBA by Dina. There will probably be a press release about this event.

### **Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission**

- Warren County passed a resolution in March authorizing the Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission to work on ticks if funding becomes available (yay!)
- Jenn will look into getting Warren County Freeholders to also pass a resolution about Tick-borne disease awareness month

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### **NJ Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health**

- Nicole and Kim are exploring a joint press release with Ag, Health and DEP about continued surveillance for the Asian longhorned tick. (Including confirming the county drop boxes are still active, and announcing the small funding Scott will be distributing to counties for ALT).

### **NJ Mosquito Control Association**

- Andrea is writing a short article about tick-borne disease awareness that will appear in the May NJMCA newsletter.
- We can ask them to share social media posts.

### **Other events**

- May 6<sup>th</sup> is the 500<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SMCC at the NJ Health Department.
- May 29<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm in Wall Township- Senator Chris Smith has organized a Town Hall event with Ben Beard (CDC) and Lyme advocacy representatives. We think this is a public event but still waiting on details.