



Loudoun Lyme Disease Commission



WHO WE ARE

- The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors declared 2012 *Lyme Disease Awareness Year*
- The Loudoun Lyme Disease Commission was created as part of a *10 Point Action Plan to Mitigate Lyme Disease**
- Members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and are Loudoun citizens and health care professionals with an acute interest and expertise in Lyme disease prevention and education
- Comprised of 11 members: 9 appointed by each district Supervisor, 1 representative from the Loudoun County Health Department and 1 representative from the Loudoun Health Council
- Charged with implementing the 10 Point Plan with the assistance of county staff as well as enlisting the help of citizens and organizations whose focus is already on Lyme disease

WHAT WE DO

Create Targeted Surveys

- Lyme Disease Awareness Survey
 - Gather information regarding basic knowledge of Lyme disease and prevention strategies
 - Guide where further resources need to be provided; underserved areas of the county
- Lyme Disease Infection Survey
 - Gather information regarding diagnosis, treatment and financial impact

Increase Web Presence

- Add a high-profile link to the front page of the Loudoun County website that will direct viewers to the County's web page which contains comprehensive information on Lyme disease prevention and treatment
- www.loudoun.gov/lymecommission
- www.loudoun.gov/loudountargetslyme

WHAT WE DO

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Educate the Community

- Children-specific information has been developed to increase awareness of Lyme disease and its prevention
- Assist Loudoun County Public Schools to distribute materials in students backpacks
- Work with local newspapers to place Lyme-related articles
- Provide a Lyme education awareness briefing for all children enrolled in outdoor Loudoun County Parks and Recreation programs
- Establish a list of doctors that specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease

Host Lyme Disease Educational Forums

- Forums focus on different areas to include:
 - Children and Lyme Disease
 - Gardening, agriculture
 - Homeowners
 - Farmers
 - Pet Owners

Decrease the Spread of Lyme Disease

- Study cost and feasibility of an Integrated Pest Management plan for County-owned property
- Evaluate and advise following input from professionals
- Develop information for homeowners on costs and benefits of spraying their yard for ticks

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.loudoun.gov/lymecommission

*The full 10 Point Plan can be found at www.loudoun.gov/lymecommission