

There are two new "Call for Action" requests going out today

The first is to obtain the highest number of resident's names prior to Friday the 17th at 8 AM. The North Carolina Department of Public Health is having an open meeting at 10AM and at this meeting Dave Tierney will be presenting new information and data on why the DPH should allow endemic counties for Lyme disease in North Carolina. Currently, they refuse to follow the CDC's recommendations for endemic counties and only allow confirmed cases from laboratory cases to count. Then they will not count those residents if they travel outside their county of residence within 30 days from the onset of symptoms towards endemic counties. This is not what the CDC recommends and we are attempting to get the approval of as many residents as possible to allow Mr. Tierney to speak on their behalf in this matter. We ask everyone who supports Mr. Tierney and who will allow him to speak on their behalf in trying to get our state to follow the CDC's recommendations on endemic counties to submit your name and what city/town you live in. Those submitting names do not have to actually have Lyme so entire families or friends can be added to the list as all you are saying is that 'Mr. Tierney can speak on my behalf on endemic Lyme issues with the state of North Carolina and the DPH.'

Please send your names and location of residence to Dave at davet497@aol.com

The 2nd call for action does involve those who have Lyme disease, were once treated for Lyme disease or who were ever treated for suspected Lyme while living in North Carolina.

Dave Tierney will be presenting data which shows infection rates of Blacklegged ticks collected in Onslow County of 35% positive for Bb, the bacteria which causes Lyme disease. Furthermore, data from the ARMY received last week shows that the Blacklegged ticks in North Carolina do bite humans, a condition the state DPH says that does not occur in our state. Since the DPH will not acknowledge the proven high risk for contracting Lyme disease in our state, Mr. Tierney will go before Senators and Congressmen during early May and we need your names on the package he will present showing just how many residents are affected by this disease. If you have ever had Lyme or suspected Lyme please copy and e-mail the following questions back to Dave:

Name: _____ (if you do not desire to give full name use initials for last)

City or Town in North Carolina: _____

County: _____

Did you have to travel outside North Carolina to be diagnosed or treated? _____

Any other commits pertaining to how difficult it was for you to be diagnosed/treated.

Send this inform to davet497@aol.com prior to May 5th Thank you! Ps. tell your friends too as we are trying to get upwards of 300 residents who have or have had Lyme disease prior to the May 5th deadline!