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**Public Health Hosts Tickborne Disease Prevention Poster  
Contest**

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (Feb. 4, 2019) - The Department for Public Health (DPH) is inviting school-age children across the Commonwealth to create and submit original artwork for a chance to win cash prizes in a tickborne disease prevention poster contest sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department.

“I am excited to announce this poster contest spotlighting tickborne disease because this is a serious health problem facing Kentucky families,” said Jeff Howard, M.D., commissioner of DPH. “I encourage all students to participate in this poster contest on tick bite prevention and I am looking forward to seeing how our students address this important topic creatively with their posters. I also would like to thank the Northern Kentucky Health Department for sponsoring this poster contest.”

Students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade may submit a poster encouraging tick bite prevention during outdoor activities. Posters must include at least one of the following prevention methods:

- Be aware of ticks when in or near wooded and brushy areas
- Check yourself for ticks at least once a day
- Remove ticks as soon as possible
- Use an EPA-approved repellent (DEET, permethrin, picardin or lemon eucalyptus)

First (\$100), second (\$75) and third (\$50) place winners will receive Visa gift cards. A winner from each grade will also be selected and awarded a \$25 gift card. A drawing will be held including all participants and two names will be chosen awarding them both \$25 gifts cards. The winners' posters will be recognized at the annual Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA) conference on April 10-12, 2019. Winners will be contacted via email or phone on or before March 25th, 2019 and will be posted on our website by March 29th, 2019.

Entries will be judged on creativity, poster theme, creative use and originality. Submissions for the poster can include any of the following: crayon, marker, watercolor, tempera, acrylic, collage or original photograph. Poster size should be 8.5" x 11". Submissions will be accepted from any Kentucky resident students in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>. Each submitter may only submit one original poster. DPH reserves the right to disqualify any entry for any reason. All posters become the property of DPH and may be used in future disease prevention campaigns. ***Child name, grade, teacher, school and teacher contact information (address, phone and email) must be included on the back of the artwork.***

Submissions will be accepted from February 4 to March 15, 2019. Entries must be postmarked by March 15th, 2019 and mailed to Tori Amburgey (Poster Contest), Kentucky Department for Public Health, 275 E. Main Street, Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning HS2E, Frankfort, KY 40621. A completed entry form must be taped or glued to the back of each entry. Submission can also be scanned and emailed to

[Tori.Amburgey@ky.gov](mailto:Tori.Amburgey@ky.gov)

For more information and submission form, go to <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/idb/Pages/tick-borne.aspx> and click on “[2019 Tickborne Disease Prevention Poster Contest Entry Form](#)” or contact Tori Amburgey, Poster Contest Coordinator, at (502) 564-4478, Ext. 4270 or [Tori.Amburgey@ky.gov](mailto:Tori.Amburgey@ky.gov).

For additional information on tickborne disease in Kentucky, go to <https://ky-dph.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=5e1d359ccbf149989186585cf9f41bf1>.

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