



# Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc.

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Dear Principal, Educators & Parents:

On behalf of the Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc. (“LDF”), I am inviting you to use the Lyme Disease K-12 educational programs in your school’s curriculum. All programs were created under a grant from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and are **the only CDC approved tick-borne disease educational programs**.

- The **elementary program**, *Dr. Ticked-Off and his Tick Patrol*, is a puppet-based video hosted by Emilio Delgado (of Sesame Street fame) and were produced in both English and Spanish. These programs are prefect for science and Spanish Classes!
- The **middle school program** *Lyme Disease & the Scientific Method program*, uses the video *Lyme Disease: An Investigative Survey on Personal Prevention* as an in-class instructional tool. This “hands-on” training course explores the Scientific Method by teaching students how to develop a scientific study. All survey materials are included at Lyme.org, selection “Education,” then “kids.” Included are a 1-period lesson plan and a 4-period lesson plan.
- The **high school program** is *Lyme Disease: What YOU Should Know*. This is divided into two parts, a 30 minute video and a 28 minute video. In between the programs, there is a Public Service Announcement as a break.

This government-approved program is the *only* one of its kind. It is part of the innovative set of educational courses developed by the Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc. The LDF has a complete educational program for K-12 school grades online at Lyme.org and can be viewed from school and home.

We hope you will look over our programs and request your local school health, science, and Spanish teachers to use these in their classroom curriculum. The programs can be adapted for home viewing and adapted for home-based learning. While the Scientific Investigator program has students asking their peers survey questions in a lunchroom setting, the survey can be adapted by asking students to contact friends and family by phone and/or the internet.

Because these programs were CDC-funded and approved, you can rest assured its information is scientifically accurate.

There is an Educator Survey for teachers to complete after using the material. It is the LDF’s experience that both teachers and their student love this program!

Sincerely,

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