Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF): Can Be Deadly

RMSF is spread by the bite of an infected tick.

RMSF symptoms include a fever with:
- Headache
- Upset stomach
- Rash (may occur later in illness)

See your healthcare provider immediately if you develop a fever:
- after being bitten by a tick
- after spending time in areas with ticks
Remember, you may not know you have been bitten by a tick.

Doxycycline saves lives!

- Best treatment for suspected RMSF in children and adults
- Treatment needed early when RMSF is suspected
- Does NOT cause tooth staining in children when used to treat RMSF

Prevent tick bites:

- Check for ticks on people and pets daily
- Wear insect repellent
- Treat pets for ticks

For more information about RMSF and doxycycline, visit our website: www.cdc.gov/rmsf