

Chronic Wasting Disease in Wisconsin

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2019 SAMPLING OVERVIEW

- » DNR assesses prevalence and distribution of CWD through sampling efforts.
- » New for 2019 is surveillance in the entire Northern District, encompassing 18 counties in northern Wisconsin.
- » DNR staff will continue to sample deer in the Southern Farmland Zone.
- » We will continue to provide hunter service testing, free of charge, for adult deer anywhere in the state.
- » Testing remains available in all 72 counties through self-service kiosks, participating sampling stations, including small business owners, meat processors and taxidermists and through local Wildlife Management staff.
- » As always, hunter cooperation has been outstanding and hunter service testing remains a priority.
- » CWD Surveillance Permits will again be available to landowners in select areas of the state. Surveillance permits allow for added surveillance and sample collection in known areas of disease and interest.



TESTING TURNAROUND TIME

- » The average statewide turnaround time for test results during the 2018 deer season was just over 12 days (weekends included).
- » As always, the department will continue to pursue efficiencies that may help to lower turnaround times.
- » Hunters with emails in the Go Wild system will receive CWD test results via email. Hunters without emails in Go Wild will receive notification via postal mail.

CWD SELF-SERVICE KIOSKS AND ADOPT-A-KIOSK AND ADOPT-A-DUMPSTER PROGRAMS

- » Kiosks help bolster sampling numbers, make the sampling process easier for hunters and put more sampling options on the landscape. Kiosks offer a 24/7 sampling option for hunters. For more information regarding kiosks, visit dnr.wi.gov and search keywords "CWD sampling."
- » Overall feedback from hunters shows they appreciate the option of having a kiosk available for CWD sample submission.
- » This year, local individuals or groups can "adopt-a-kiosk" (AAK), volunteering to monitor a kiosk in their area.

- » This year, local individuals or groups can also participate in “Adopt-a-Dumpster” (AAD), sponsoring a deer carcass disposal site in their area.
- » The AAD program provides hunters with an appropriate deer carcass disposal option in areas where carcass disposal options are very limited or not available.
- » For more information on AAK and AAD, visit dnr.wi.gov, search keyword “CWD” and scroll to the “Volunteer” section.

- » 2018 CWD Sampling Year ended March 31, 2019.
- » 2019 CWD Sampling Year began April 1, 2019.

CWD REPLACEMENT HARVEST AUTHORIZATIONS

- » For any positive result received prior to the 9-day gun deer season, the hunter will receive a replacement harvest authorization added to their GoWild account within 1-2 days of CWD-positive result notification.
- » For any positive results received during or after the 9-day, the hunter will receive a replacement harvest authorization which will be sent in late summer prior to the next deer hunting season. The harvest authorization will be added to the GoWild account when it is created (there is a chance a hunter sees the harvest authorization before receiving notification from DNR).
- » Replacement harvest authorizations are only good for one year and are not weapon specific. A CWD positive buck will receive a statewide harvest authorization and a CWD positive doe will receive an antlerless harvest authorization for the unit and land type that was used to harvest the positive deer.
- » A current deer hunting license must be purchased to use the replacement harvest authorization.

BAITING AND FEEDING

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- » Under current law, the Department designates counties as CWD affected areas when CWD-positive deer (either wild or captive) are detected, including counties within a ten-mile radius of the CWD-positive animal’s location. As a result of this designation, a county is subject to a prohibition on baiting and

2018 SAMPLING REVIEW

- » More than 17,200 deer were sampled for CWD statewide in 2018, with 1,061 positive detections, primarily within the endemic area in southern Wisconsin.
- » Our sample total in 2018 increased by more than 7,400 samples from 2017.
- » During the 2018 calendar year, Buffalo, Chippewa, Dunn, Pepin, Trempealeau, La Crosse, Fond du Lac, Marinette, Florence, Lincoln and Langlade were designated CWD-affected counties.
- » DNR staff would like to thank hunters and citizens of the state for their continued role in providing samples for testing throughout Wisconsin.

NEW RESOURCES

DNR has reorganized our [CWD pages](#) and updated our interactive sampling and disposal location map. We’ve also created new resources about the [Adopt-a-Kiosk](#) and [Adopt-a-Dumpster](#) programs as well as a [Carcass Disposal FAQ](#) to help hunters and local communities help slow the spread of CWD. This year, you can also find

sampling kiosks and dumpsters near you in the [Hunt Wild App](#).



feeding for deer.

- » The same prohibition on deer baiting and feeding also occurs from positive tests for bovine tuberculosis.
- » DATCP will immediately notify DNR of all CWD or Bovine Tuberculosis detections on captive cervid farms to assist the department with compliance.
- » Baiting and feeding prohibitions enacted under these wildlife disease provisions are subject to a sunset date as a result of AB41
- » More information regarding current baiting and feeding rules in response to CWD detections can be found at dnr.wi.gov, search term “[bait](#).”
- » Since the end of the 2017 deer season, Green Lake, Kenosha, Waushara, Wood, Racine, Burnett, Barron, Polk and Washburn counties have been added to the ban.
- » No counties will have the ban lifted during any of the 2019 deer seasons.
- » A baiting and feeding ban is in place for 52 of Wisconsin’s 56 CWD-affected counties.
- » In counties where baiting and feeding bans are in place, individuals may still feed birds and small mammals provided feeding devices are within 50 yards of a human dwelling and at a sufficient height

or design to prevent access by deer.

WI Baiting and Feeding State Statute

- » Current statutes (29.336 (2) (b) and 29.336 (2) (c)) have been amended and do the following:
 - » remove deer baiting and feeding prohibitions in counties where 36 months have passed since any confirmed positive test for chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis within the county; and
 - » remove deer baiting and feeding prohibitions in adjacent counties where 24 months have passed since any confirmed positive test for chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis within a 10-mile radius of the county.
 - » The 24/36-month period would start over again with each new positive test result.

CWD BACKGROUND

- » CWD is a nervous system disease of deer, moose, elk and reindeer/caribou. It belongs to the family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) or prion diseases.
- » CWD occurs only in members of the cervid or deer family, both wild and captive.
- » CWD was first confirmed in wild Wisconsin deer in 2002.

MAPS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Maps of CWD-affected counties, baiting and feeding bans and CWD surveillance are all available on the DNR’s [CWD page](#) under the heading “Maps.”

