

HOW TO HAVE YOUR DEER TESTED FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE



Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal neurodegenerative disease that affects members of the family Cervidae. The disease is spread through contact with infected saliva, blood, urine and feces from live or dead animals. Disease transmission also occurs through contact with infectious material in soil, food and water.

Infected animals begin to show symptoms 16 months or more after infection, making immediate detection of the disease very difficult. In the early stages of the disease, infected animals can have a normal body condition. Infected animals may exhibit one or more of the following symptoms: excessive salivation; teeth grinding; difficulty swallowing; excessive urination and thirst; incoordination; head tremors; splay leg stance; lowered head and ears; fixed stare; lack of awareness; and temporary or complete loss of consciousness. In the final stages of the disease, infected individuals are emaciated. To date, CWD has not been detected in Louisiana.

ALWAYS WEAR GLOVES AND PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR WHEN CLEANING GAME AND COLLECTING SAMPLES

- Please record the GPS location of where the deer was harvested.
- To submit a deer head for CWD testing, remove the head about 5 inches below the ear.
- Deer heads may be caped with antlers and skull cap removed.
- **DO NOT FREEZE** - Samples should be refrigerated or saved on ice.



SAMPLING LOCATIONS

Samples may be submitted at the following LDWF Regional offices between 8:00 – 4:30, Monday – Friday.

Hammond Office	985-543-4777	42371 Phyllis Ann Dr, Hammond, LA 70403
Lafayette Office	337-262-2080	200 Dulles Dr, Lafayette, LA 70506
Lake Charles Office	337-491-2575	1213 North Lakeshore Dr, Lake Charles, LA 70601
Minden Office	318-371-3050	9961 Hwy 80, Minden, LA 71055
Monroe Office	318-343-4044	368 Century Link Dr, Monroe, LA 71203
Pineville Office	318-487-5885	1995 Shreveport Hwy, Pineville, LA 71360

Test results for your sample will be located on the LDWF website.
To obtain results go to www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/CWD and locate your tag number.