



# CWD SAMPLE SUBMISSION



## CHEAT SHEET FOR LICENSED FARMS



**REMEMBER!** →

### 1) CWD TESTING IS FREE

Licensed farms **must** submit CWD samples from all natural mortalities over 12 months old, all suspects at any age, and from all hunted cervids over 12 months old.

No animals need to be euthanized to meet testing requirements, but any mortalities in any of the above categories **MUST** be tested.

Licensed farms may **test up to 30 animals or 10% of the herd** each year, whichever is less.

There is no fee for submitting your samples for CWD surveillance.



### 2) WHEN A CERVID HAS DIED

It is time to sample. Tissues used for testing break down soon after death. To help preserve the quality of the sample we will collect, you must store the animal or parts in a cool (refrigerator temperature) environment.

**\*\*\*Do not freeze\*\*\***

If the whole animal cannot be properly stored or is no longer available, you can remove the head along with the first two vertebrae for storage.

**\*\*\*Please keep all identification tags with the head\*\*\***



### 3) SHARE THE INFORMATION

Share the information that the deer has died and any identification, storage or transportation plans with those that assist with animal care at your farm or CLGSA.



### 4) CONTACT MAINE DACF ANIMAL HEALTH

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**To learn more about CWD and the Cervid program visit:**

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