



# HELP FIGHT

## CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been detected in several counties, including Dubuque County. It is extremely important to continually monitor CWD. CWD is 100% fatal. Infected deer may not display symptoms and testing is the only way to know if a deer is infected.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP. 3 WAYS TO FIGHT CWD:

#### 1 PROVIDE THE SAMPLE.

The Iowa DNR continues to monitor Chronic Wasting disease (CWD) in Iowa. Dubuque County has had positive CWD deer identified. Ongoing hunter participation in CWD monitoring by submitting deer heads and lymph nodes for sampling is an important component of deer management. The City of Dubuque recognizes the public health importance of monitoring CWD and encourages hunters to submit deer samples for testing in accordance with Iowa DNR recommendations. Freezer locations for sample drop off: Bait Shack, 2095 Kerper Blvd., Dubuque, IA and Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd., Peosta, IA.

For More CWD information and sample submission guidelines, see:

**Video demonstrating lymph node collection:** <https://youtu.be/DS1GcDHotsI>

**Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory sample submission form:** <https://vdl.iastate.edu/portal/Submission/CWD>

#### 2 STOP THE SPREAD.

Do not use feed or salt-mineral licks to attract deer. These baited sites increase the concentration of deer (and exchange of saliva) which spreads the disease.

**CDC Information Regarding Chronic Wasting Disease:** <https://www.cdc.gov/prions/cwd/index.html>

**DNR Chronic Wasting Disease Interactive Dashboard & Test Results:** [www.iowadnr.gov/cwdresults](http://www.iowadnr.gov/cwdresults)

#### 3 PROPERLY TRANSPORT AND DISPOSE.

Do not leave a carcass or bones to decay on the land. Place it in heavy-duty plastic garbage bags and dispose with residential waste. If in doubt, contact your local waste hauler for requirements. Make absolutely sure not to transport and dump carcasses outside of the area where they were shot, as this can spread the disease to new areas.

#### THANKS FOR BEING PART OF THE FIGHT.

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