

WHAT IS CWD?

- A fatal central nervous system disease found in cervids, such as deer, elk, and moose
- Affects the infected animals nervous system resulting in brain lesions and neurologic signs
- Transmitted through direct animal to animal contact
- Once an animal is infected there is no recovery or cure



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A SICK ANIMAL

- Describe the location of the animal
- Call the Report All Poaching Hotline at 1-800-292-7800 or your nearest DNR Wildlife office
- Hunters who removed a CWD-positive animal may have their license replaced by the DNR

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.cdc.gov/prions/cwd/>

OR

<https://www.michigan.gov/cwd>

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CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

CWD



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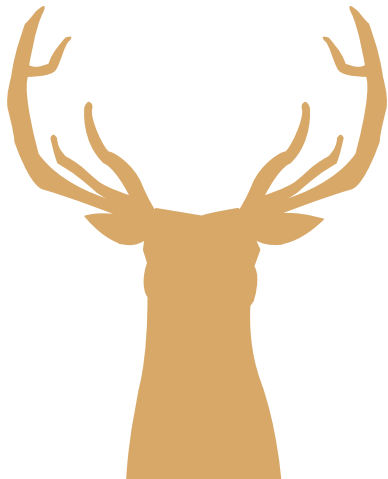
SIGNS OF CWD

- Animal is thin or weak
- Lack of fear in people
- Loss of movement or control
- Drastic weight loss
- Excessive drooling or salivating
- Drooping ears

*NOTE: AN ANIMAL MAY HAVE CWD AND NOT SHOW SYMPTOMS UNTIL AFTER TWO YEARS OF AGE

IMPACTS OF CWD

- To date, there have been no reported cases in humans. The CDC recommends that CWD-positive animals are not consumed by humans or domestic animals
- There is no known treatment or recovery
- CWD has reduced the deer population both locally and in other states



CWD CORE AREA

Ionia, Kent, Mecosta Montcalm and Newaygo counties are part of the CWD Core Area Zone. Movement of deer killed in the CWD Core Area is restricted.

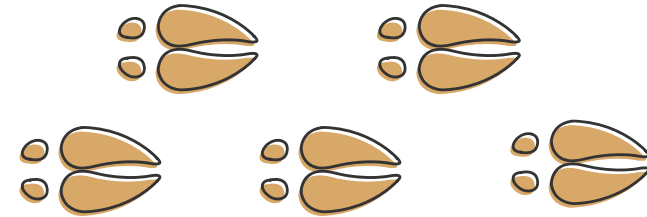
CWD MANAGEMENT ZONE

The following 11 counties: Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Isabella, Jackson, Muskegon, Ottawa and Shiawassee are included in the CWD Management Zone.

- A person killing a deer within the 11 counties who wishes to move the deer carcass (or parts of) outside of the management zone **MUST** present deer head at a designated drop off location 24 hours after killing the deer.
- A hunter may move the entire carcass within the 11 county CWD Management Zone without restriction.
- Movement of deer into the CWD Management Zone is **NOT** restricted unless it was killed in the 5 county Core CWD Area.
- It is highly recommended that the hunter uses a designated drop off location within the Core and Management Zones.

PROPER CARCASS HANDLING

CWD is not known to infect humans; however safe handling during processing is recommended.



PRECAUTIONS WHEN FIELD DRESSING AND PROCESSING

Hunters should take the following precautions to decrease their potential risk of exposure to CWD:

- Cover open wounds
- Wear latex or rubber gloves
- Minimize the handling of the brain and spinal tissues
- Do not use household knives or other kitchen utensils
- Wash hands with soap and water after handling
- Bury gut piles after field dressing
- Dispose leftover carcass parts through garbage service, landfill, or deep burial