

Chronic Wasting Disease: West-central Minnesota

Fall 2020 Information

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What is chronic wasting disease?

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) occurs in deer, caribou, reindeer, elk and moose. It belongs to a group of infectious diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). Typical signs of the disease include drooping head or ears, incoordination, poor body condition, increased salivation, excessive thirst or urination. Deer or other cervids can incubate this disease for 1 ½ to 3 years before showing any of these clinical symptoms, but they could still spread disease during this time. CWD is always fatal.

For more information, visit:

- mndnr.gov/cwd

Voluntary CWD sampling and testing

As part of the DNR's COVID-19 response, CWD sample submission is voluntary during all deer hunting seasons in this CWD surveillance area until the sampling goal is reached. The area consists of DPAs 213 and 273.

The DNR highly encourages hunters to help by providing the head of any harvested adult deer (1 year or older) at a self-service sampling station starting Oct. 15. Hunters may also work with meat processors and taxidermists listed on the [west-central surveillance area webpage](#) to provide a sample for testing. Due to uncertainty of COVID-19, station locations could change. Once the sample goals are met, the stations will be removed. Visit mndnr.gov/cwd for current stations.

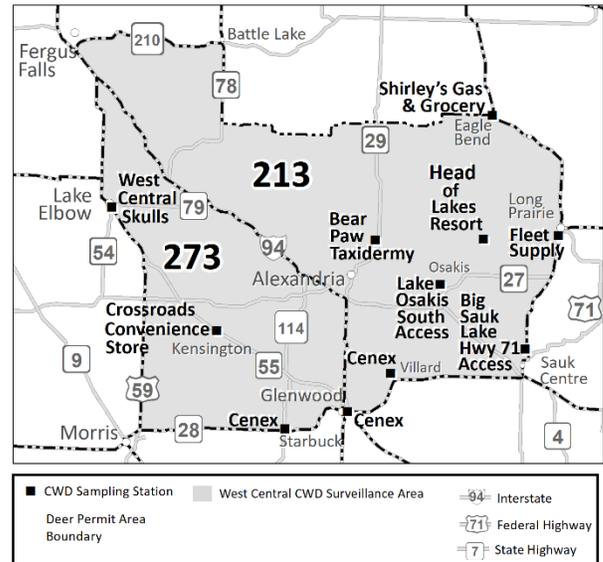
Important for this area in 2020:

- CWD sampling is voluntary starting Sept. 19 until the sample goal is met.
- Hunters can provide samples at self-service sampling stations or by working with local meat processors and taxidermists.
- Hunters who harvest a deer from this area after the goal is met may have their deer tested by setting up an appointment with this area's wildlife office.
- Carcass movement restrictions are not in effect.
- Feeding and attractant bans are in effect.

CWD sampling station locations

Self-service stations are open 24/7, starting Oct. 15, until the sampling goal is reached.

- **Alexandria:** Bear Paw Taxidermy (4758 State Highway 29 N., Alexandria, MN 56308)
- **Eagle Bend:** Shirley's Gas and Grocery (411 U.S. Hwy 71, Eagle Bend, MN 56466)
- **Elbow Lake:** West Central Skulls (618 Eighth Ave. SE, Elbow Lake, MN 56531)
- **Glenwood:** Cenex Glenwood (330 County Road 21 S., Glenwood, MN 56334)
- **Kensington:** Crossroads Convenience Store (11 Railway St., Kensington, MN, 56343)
- **Long Prairie:** Long Prairie Fleet Supply (940 Commerce Road, Long Prairie, MN 56347)
- **Osakis:**
 - Head of Lakes Resort (15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN 56360)
 - Lake Osakis South Public Access (Central Ave and Lake Street, downtown Osakis, MN 56360)
- **Sauk Centre:** Big Sauk Lake Hwy 71 Public Access (East side of Highway 71, 1 mile north of Sauk Centre Sauk Centre, MN 56378)
- **Starbuck:** Cenex Starbuck (705 E. 7th St., Starbuck, MN 56381)
- **Villard:** Cenex Villard (600 Washington Ave., Villard, MN 56385)



Deer feeding and attractant bans

Deer feeding ban affects these counties: Carlton, Chisago, Douglas, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Pope and Stearns. (Attractants are allowed in these counties.)

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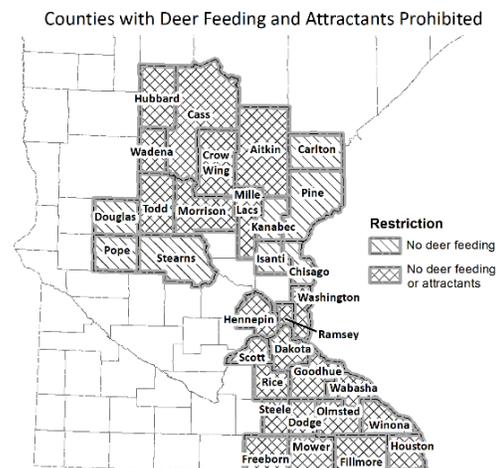


Figure 1: Deer feeding and attractant ban starting July 1, 2020