

# Should my Harvested Deer be Tested for CWD?

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With Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) being detected within eight miles of Kentucky's border in the fall of 2021, there is a need to understand why you should have your harvested deer tested for the disease. This publication will cover the reasons it may be recommended or required by law to have your deer tested if harvested within the CWD Surveillance Zone (CWD SZ) in western Kentucky. The following is information that should help clarify why and where you can have your harvested deer tested within and outside of the CWD SZ in Kentucky.

## When to test

- If you harvested the deer within the CWD surveillance zone (CWD SZ), Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman and Marshall counties, it is advised you get your deer tested
  - Mandatory during early and late muzzle loader and firearm seasons
- Testing in counties surrounding the CWD SZ is also a good idea and will aid in disease detection by KDFWR

## How to get it tested?

- Arrive at a mandatory check station during the muzzleloader and firearm seasons and a biologist will collect the sample
  - Outside of that time or outside of the CWD SZ, drop off the head at a KDFWR testing location found throughout the state
  - Check station locations in CWD SZ shown in Figure 1
  - Testing locations inside or outside of CWD SZ can be found at in Figure 2 or at <https://fw.ky.gov/Wildlife/Pages/Chronic-Wasting-Disease.aspx>
- It is free to get your deer tested and the results are obtained within about 10 weeks
- Follow all procedures to successfully have your deer tested found here:

## What should I do while I wait for results?

- The CDC advises that you not consume any deer that is positive for CWD
- Since there is potential the deer could be positive if it was harvested within the CWD monitoring zone you should wait until your deer's status is known before consuming any meat from it
- Please refer to the safe deer processing sheet for guidelines on ways to safely process your harvest
- Results will be found at: <https://app.fw.ky.gov/cwdlookup/>

## What to do if I receive a positive test result?

- The CDC does not recommend any meat from CWD positive animals to be consumed by humans at this time
- Do not donate the meat to the food bank
- Do not bury it or discard it in the environment
- Place in trash bags and dispose of the bags so that it can be buried at the landfill

## CWD CHECK STATION LOCATIONS

C1	Calloway	Hart Farms Meat Processing, 835 Charlie Miller Rd.	Almo
C2	Calloway	Duncan Deer Processing, 1939 Buffalo Rd.	New Concord
C3	Calloway	Outback Taxidermy, 3237 U.S. 641 S	Murray
C4	Calloway	Lynn Grove Checkstation, Jct. 893/94	Lynn Grove
C5	Calloway	First Choice Firearms, 1205 Stadium View Dr.	Murray
F1	Fulton	The Station, 1309 Moscow Ave.	Hickman
F2	Fulton	Fulton City Fire/Rec Area, Browder Ct.	Fulton
G1	Graves	Burnetts Deer Processing, 1580 Penny Corner Rd.	Meiber
G2	Graves	Goodman Lumber, 8574 KY 131	Hickory
G3	Graves	Patriot Ag, 400 Crittendon Ln.	Mayfield
G4	Graves	Sedalia Fire Dept., 5414 KY 97	Mayfield
G5	Graves	Southern Reds BBQ, 5085 KY 94 West	Water Valley
G6	Graves	Dowdy's Taxidermy, 1461 Baltimore Church Rd.	Mayfield
H1	Hickman	Hickman Co. Extension Office, 329 James H Phillips Dr.	Clinton
M1	Marshall	Ky. Dam Village State Park Beach Access, U.S. 641	Benton
M2	Marshall	Clarks River NWR, 91 U.S. 641 N	Benton
M3	Marshall	Kenlake Tennis Center, 100 Tennis Court Rd.	Hardin



Figure 1. Locations for getting your deer tested within the CWD Surveillance Zone in Kentucky



Region	Location Name	County	Address	City	ZIP
Southeast	Leslie County Fish and Game Club	Leslie	410 Wendover Rd	Hyden	41749
Southeast	Parkway Monument	Knox	4528 North US 25E	Gray	40734
Southeast	Rose Taxidermy	Bell	7 Ennismore Drive	Middlesboro	40965
Bluegrass	Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA Office	Grant	230 Gardenersville Rd	Crittenden	41030
Bluegrass	USDA Service office	Woodford	184 Beasley Rd	Versailles	40383
Bluegrass	KY Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources	Franklin	1 Sportsman's Ln.	Frankfort	40601
Green River	Critter Creations	Metcalfe	954 Harvey White Cemetery Rd	Summer Shade	42166
Green River	NRCS (USDA) office	Simpson	1300 BLUEGRASS RD STE B	Franklin	42134
Green River	Yellowbank WMA office	Breckinridge	Grady-Frymire Spur Rd.	Stephensport	40170
Green River	Green River Regional Office	Warren	970 Bennett Ln.	Bowling Green	42104
Northeast	Blue Licks State Park	Nicholas	10299 Maysville Rd	Carlisle	40311
Northeast	Minor Clark Fish Hatchery	Rowan	120 Fish Hatchery Rd	Morehead	40351
Purchase	Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge	Marshall	91 US Hwy 641	Benton	42025
Purchase	Clinton Fire Department	Hickman	114 N Washington St	Clinton	42031
Purchase	Cayce Fire Department	Fulton	7 State Route 239	Fulton	42041
Purchase	Paducah Shooters Supply	McCracken	3919 Cairo Rd	Paducah	42001
Purchase	Murray KY Dept of Fish and Wildlife Office	Calloway	30 Scenic Acres Dr	Murray	42071
Purchase	Graves County Extension Office	Graves	251 W Housman St	Mayfield	42066

Figure 2. Locations for getting your deer tested within Kentucky.

### CDW Related Publications

What is Chronic Wasting Disease? FORFS 21-08

<https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/publication/cwd>

Should my Harvested Deer be Tested? FORFS 21-09

<https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/publication/deer-tested-cwd>

Deer Processing Guide FORFS 21-10

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