# Should I get my Harvested Deer Tested for CWD?

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#### When to test

 If you harvested the deer within the CWD surveillance zone (CWD SZ), Ballard, Breckenridge, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Hardin, Hickman, Graves, Marshall, McCracken, and Meade counties, it is advised you get your deer tested



- CWD Surveillance Zone Counties added 10/2024
- Mandatory during weekends of firearm seasons (Nov. 9-11, 16-17, and 23-24) for the western Kentucky SZ (Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Hickman, Marshall, and McCracken)
- Testing in counties surrounding the CWD SZ is also a good idea and will aid in disease detection by KDFWR

### 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: <a href="https://app.fw.ky.gov/">https://app.fw.ky.gov/</a>



Figure 1. Drop off sites in CWD zone in Kentucky

### How to get it tested?

- Arrive at a mandatory check station during the weekend of the firearm seasons and a biologist will collect the sample (Table 1)
- Outside of that time or outside of the CWD SZ, drop off the head at a KDFWR testing location found throughout the state
- Testing locations inside or outside of CWD SZ can be found at Figure 1 or at <a href="https://fw.ky.gov/Wildlife/Pages/Chronic-Wasting-Disease.aspx">https://fw.ky.gov/Wildlife/Pages/Chronic-Wasting-Disease.aspx</a>
- It is free to get your deer tested and the results are obtained within about 10 weeks

CWD Check Station Locations					
COUNTY	LOCATION NAME/ADDRESS	CITY			
Ballard	Ballard Co. Extension Office, 110 Broadway	LaCenter			
Calloway	First Choice Firearms, 1205 Stadium View Dr.	Murray			
Carlisle	Carlisle Co. Extension Office, 65 John Roberts Dr.	Bardwell			
Fulton	Fulton Co. Extension Office, 2114 7th St.	Hickman			
Graves	Burnett's Deer Processing, 1580 Penny Corner Rd.	Melber			
Graves	Patriot Ag LLC, 400 Crittendon Ln.	Mayfield			
Graves	Southern Reds BBQ, 5085 KY 94 West	Water Valley			
Graves	Dowdy's Taxidermy, 1461 Baltimore Church Rd.	Mayfield			
Hickman	Hickman Co. Extension Office, 329 James H. Phillips Dr.	Clinton			
Marshall	Clarks River NWR, 91 U.S. 641 N	Benton			
McCracken	James Marine, 4540 Clarks River Rd.	Paducah			
McCracken	McCracken Co. Extension Office, 2025 Holt Rd.	Paducah			
McCracken	West Kentucky WMA, 10535 Ogden Landing Rd.	Kevil			

Table 1. CWD Check Station Locations

# Follow all procedures to successfully have your deer tested found here:

• A new mail-in kit program was launched in 2024 to help make getting your deer tested a bit more convenient. Hunters will need to pick up a kit prior to harvest from one of the pickup locations found in the table. Instructions on how to use the kit are included. There are a limited supply this year as the agency tests out the program. It is important to note that the kits DO NOT meet the mandatory check requirements for the western Kentucky CWD zone. More information about the kits can be found at: <a href="https://fw.ky.gov/Wildlife/Pages/mail-in-kit.aspx">https://fw.ky.gov/Wildlife/Pages/mail-in-kit.aspx</a>

## 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 Sample Mail-in Kit Pick-Up Locations							
Region	County	Pick-up Location	Address	Phone #			
Bluegrass	Franklin	KDFWR Disability License Office	1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601	(800) 858-1549			
	Grant	Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA	230 Gardnersville Rd, Crittenden, KY 41030	(859) 472-9881			
	Madison	Madison County Extension Office	230 Duncannon Ln, Richmond, KY 40475	(859) 623-4072			
	Spencer	Taylorsville Lake WMA	1584 Overlook Rd, Taylorsville, KY 40071	(502) 330-7309			
	Barren	Barren River Lake WMA	1457 South Lucas Rd., KY 42156	(270) 646-5167			
Green River	Breckinridge	Breckinridge County Extension Office	1377 South Hwy 261, Hardinsburg, KY 40143	(270) 756-2182			
	Henderson	Sloughs WMA	9956 Hwy 268 Corydon, KY 42406	(270) 827-2673			
	McLean	Calhoun Regional KDFWR Office	1398 Hwy 81 North, Calhoun, KY 42327	(270) 273-3569			
	Muhlenberg	Peabody WMA	1 Goose Lake Rd., Drakesboro, KY 42337	(270) 476-1889			
Northeast	Floyd	Prestonsburg Regional KDFWR Office	2744 Lake Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653	(606) 207-3385			
	Greenup	Greenup County Extension Office	35 Wurtland Ave, Greenup, KY 41144	(606) 836-0201			
	Nicholas	Clay WMA	1445 Cassidy Creek Rd, Carlisle, KY 40311	(859) 289-8564			
	Pike	Pike County Extension Office	148 Trivette Dr, Pikeville, KY 41501	(606) 432-2534			
	Fulton	Fulton County Extension Office	2144 S. 7th St., Hickman, KY 42050	(270) 236-2351			
Purchase	Graves	Graves County Conservation District	1000 Commonwealth Dr, Mayfield, KY 42066	(270) 247-9529			
	Marshall	Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge	91 U.S. 641 N, Benton, KY 42025	(270) 527-5770			
	Union	Big Rivers WMA	7619 S.R. 365, Sturgis, KY 42459	(270) 374-3025			
Southeast	Clay	Clay County Extension Office	69 Jameson Rd, Manchester, KY 40962	606-598-2789			
	Harlan	Harlan County Extension Office	519 South Main St, Harlan, KY 40831	606-573-4464			
	Perry	Perry County Extension Office	933 Perry Park Rd, Hazard, KY 41701	606-436-2044			
	Russell	Russell County Conservation District	159 Ferco Way, Jamestown, KY 42629	270-343-3343			
	Whitley	Whitley County Extension Office	4275 N. Hwy 25W, Williamsburg, KY 40769	606-549-1430			

	CWD SAMPLE DROP-OFF SITES	
COUNTY	LOCATION NAME/ADDRESS	CITY
Ballard	Ballard Co. Extension Office, 110 Broadway	LaCenter
Ballard	Ballard Co. Sheriff's Office, 1718 Barlow Rd.	Wickcliffe
Barren	KDFWR Barren Office, 1457 South Lucas Rd.	Lucas
Bell	Rose Taxidermy, 7 Ennismore Dr.	Middlesboro
Boone	Boone Co. Extenstion Office, 6028 Camp Ernst Rd.	Burlington
Breckinridge	Yellowbank WMA Office, Grady-Frymire Spur Rd.	Stephensport
Breckinridge	Breckinridge County Extension Office, 1377 South Hwy 261	Hardinsburg
Breckinridge	Custer General Store, 6058 KY-86	Custer
Breckinridge	Irving Fire Department, 216 1st Street	Irvington
Breckinridge	Axtel Boat Ramp, KY-79	McDaniels
Calloway	KDFWR Murray Office, 30 Scenic Acres Dr.	Murray
Calloway	First Choice Firearmes, 1205 Stadium View Dr.	Murray
Calloway	Hazel Fire Department, 215 Main St.	Hazel
Carlisle	Carlisle Co. Extension Office, 65 John Robers Dr.	Bardwell
Daviess	Triple B Archery, 1915 W. 7th St.	Owensboro
Floyd	Copperhead Gun and Range, 469 US 23	Prestonsburg
Franklin	KY Dept. Fish & Wildlife Resources, 1 Sportsman's Ln.	Frankfort
Fulton	Fulton Co. Extension Office, 2114 S 7th St.	Hickman
Gallatin	Gallatin Co. Extension Office, 4200 U.S. 45	Warsaw
Grant	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA Office, 230 Gardnersville Rd. Graves Co. Extension Office, 4200 U.S. 45	Crittenden
Graves	•	Mayfield
Graves	Patriot Ag LLC, 400 Crittenden Ln.	Mayfield
Graves	Sedalia Fire Department, 5414 KY 97	Sedalia
Graves	Walking Humbly Outdoor Adventures, 15030 U.S. 45	Water Valley
Hardin	Hardin Co. Extension Office, 111 Opportunity Way	Elizabethtown
Harlan	Harlan Co. Extension Office, 519 South Main St.	Harlan
Hickman	Hickman Cooperative Extension Office, 329 James H. Phillips Dr.	Clinton
Jessamine	Bluegrass Sportmen's League, 1100 Handy's Bend Rd.	Wilmore
Knox	Parkway Monument, 4528 North U.S. 25E	Gray
Laurel	Kentucky Outdoorsman, 8833 U.S. 25	Corbin
Leslie	Tyler Smith Taxidermy, 6075 Dryhill Rd.	Hyden
Leslie	Wilson's Taxidermy, 2286 Polls Creek Rd.	Smilax
Letcher	Whitesburg Fire Dept., 38 E. Main St.	Whitesburg
Marshall	Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge, 91 U.S. 641 N	Benton
Martin	Evans Hardware, 631 Main St.	Inez
McCracken	Paducah Shooter Supply, 3919 Cairo Rd.	Paducah
McCracken	McCracken Co. Extension Office, 2025 New Holt Rd.	Paducah
McCracken	West Kentucky WMA, 10535 Ogden Landing Rd.	Kevil
McCreary	Big South Fork Outdoors, 45 Job Corp Rd.	Pine Knot
Meade	Flaherty Tractor Company, 3790 Flaherty Rd.	Flaherty
Meade	Meade Co. Extension Office, 1041 Ekron Rd.	Bradenburg
Meade	Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, 850 Otter Creek Park Rd.	Bradenburg
McLean	KDFWR Calhoun Regional Office, 1398 KY 81	Calhoun
Metcalfe	Critter Creations Taxidermy, 954 Harvey White Cemetery Rd.	Summer Shade
Muhlenberg	Uncle Lee's, 820 Main St.	Greenville
Nelson	Kentucky Gun Company (KYGUNCO), 401 Glenwood Dr.	Bardstown
Nicholas	Blue Licks State Park, 10299 Maysville Rd.	Carlisle
Pike	Nonnie Pops General Store, 53 Rockhouse Rd.	Pikeville
Pike	Phelps Volunteer Fire Dept., 12812 Phelps 632 Rd.	Phelps
Rowan	Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, 120 Fish Hatchery Rd.	Morehead
Shelby	Da Meat Room, 230 Hyatts Store Rd.	Bagdad
Union	Higginson Henry WMA, 6640 KY 56 E	Morganfield
Warren	KDFWR Green River Regional Office, 970 Bennett Ln.	Bowling Green
Whitley	Good Steward Forestry, 133 Tom Taylor Rd.	Corbin
Whitley	Ballew Bayou Butchers, 631 Oak Ridge Church Rd.	Williamsburg
Woodford	USDA NRCS Versailles Service Office, 184 Beasley Rd.	Versailles
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