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WVDL Continues CWD Testing for Farm-Raised Deer

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL) continues to accept farm-raised deer samples to test for chronic wasting disease (CWD).

There are time limits for sampling farm-raised deer for CWD, both by rule and due to the fragile nature of the brain sample, which can easily degrade. There are currently **no interruptions of service for CWD testing for farm-raised deer**. Samples should be collected and sent according to the requirements defined under [Wis. Admin. Code § 10.52 \(3\)](#), which states:

- Tissue samples shall be collected within seven calendar days of death.
- Samples collected by a veterinarian are to be submitted to an approved laboratory within 10 calendar days of collection.
- Samples collected by a qualified owner sampler must be submitted to a veterinarian within two business days.

The WVDL will provide updates if the situation changes. For answers to other questions, see the [WVDL's FAQs](#) or visit the [State of Wisconsin's webpage](#) for the latest information and guidance during the COVID-19 outbreak.



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