

## **CWD Testing Options for Deer/ 2025–2026 Deer Hunting Season:**

### **Option 1. Deer harvested within the current CWD surveillance counties. (Baraga, Chippewa, Dickinson, Houghton, Iosco, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft)**

- Deer heads from these counties should be submitted to the DNR for free CWD testing.
- Local DNR staff can provide tribes with the traditional full version of the CWD Survey Tags to affix to each deer head to be submitted for testing.
- Tribal deer harvesters should fill out the tag in its entirety, including the County, Township, Range, and Section of harvest to assist with disease surveillance efforts.
- The harvester/tribe should keep the bottom tear-off portion of the tag to track disease test results.
- Final test results will be posted to the DNR's website [www.michigan.gov/dnr/lab](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/lab) . And can be looked up using the CWD Survey Tag number on the tear-off piece of tag that was kept from the submitted deer head.

### **Option 2. Free self-sample shipping kit testing**

GTB hunters are also eligible for free CWD testing by using a free lymph node shipping kit that includes overnight shipping. Hunters must extract lymph nodes themselves to submit to Michigan State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (MSU VDL) for CWD testing. Kits can be picked up from GTB Natural Resources Department. Results from deer submitted to MSU VDL will be sent directly to the hunter from the VDL and will not appear on the DNR lab results webpage.