

# Sample Submission Cheat Sheet

## **Contacts:**

Please notify **Carolyn Hurwitz** or Michele Walsh at the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ME DACF). We can advise you on how to store the sample and other considerations.

Licensed farms must submit CWD samples from all natural cervid mortalities (over 12 months old), all CWD suspects (any age), and from all slaughtered or hunted cervids (over 12 months of age). No animals need to be euthanized to meet the testing requirement, but any mortalities in the above categories **MUST** be tested (up to 10% of the herd/year or 30 animals, whichever is less).

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## **TIPS:**

As soon as the animal has died, the tissues to be tested for CWD begin to break down. To help preserve the quality of the sample we will collect, you must store the animal or parts in a cool (refrigerator temperature) environment. **Do not freeze.**

If the whole animal cannot be properly stored or is no longer available, you can remove the head along with the first two vertebrae for storage. Please keep identification tags with the head.

Share this information with others who assist with animal care at your farm or CLGSA. Timely notification to the department that you have a sample to submit allows us to organize collection and maximizes sample quality.

There is no fee for submitting your samples for CWD surveillance.