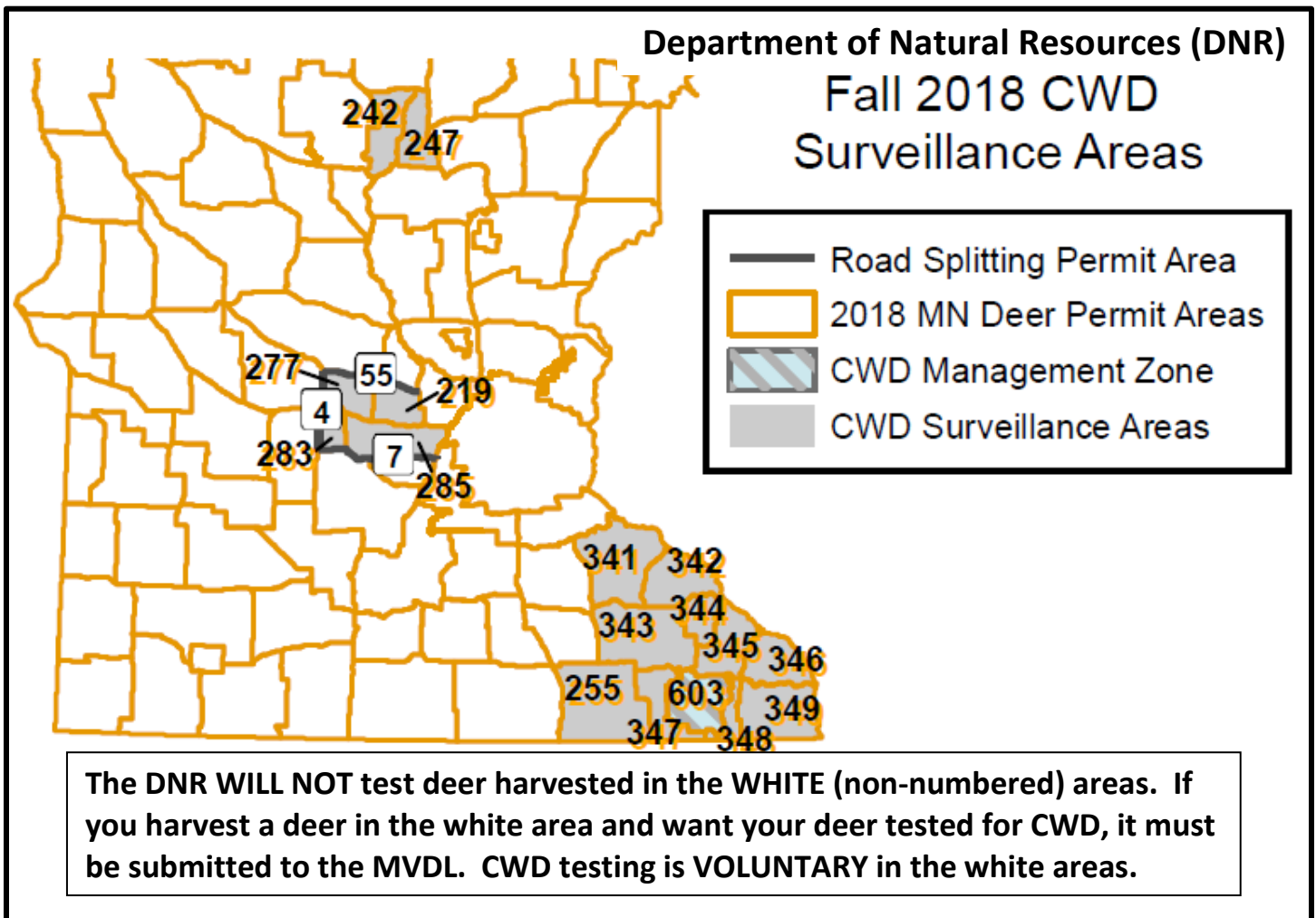


# Voluntary, Wild Deer CWD Testing Fall 2018

The DNR has organized a mandatory CWD testing program in select deer permit areas (shaded, numbered areas). If you harvest a deer OUTSIDE the select deer permit areas (white, non-numbered areas), the DNR will **NOT** test those samples. If you want a deer tested outside the select deer permit areas, you will need to submit or ship the sample to the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in St. Paul MVDL.



**CWD testing for hunted deer OUTSIDE the select deer permit areas is as follows:**

1. In-person delivery of the entire head:
  - a. During normal business hours 8:00 – 4:30 PM, M-F, to the MVDL
  - b. Non-business hours and holidays to the Veterinary Medical Center
2. Laboratory technicians will collect lymph nodes and brainstem during business hours.
3. Expect results (turn-around-time) in approximately 14 days.

4. <b>Fees:</b>	<b>In State</b>	<b>Out-of-State</b>
IHC test	\$25.00	\$27.50
Collection & Head Disposal	\$34.00	\$37.40
<u>Accession Fee</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<b>Total (Due at drop off)*</b>	<b>\$69.00</b>	<b>\$74.90</b>

\* Samples collected after hours are subject to a \$20 handling fee.

## **Additional considerations:**

**RETAINING THE HEAD:** If you would like testing, but want to retain the head, the head **CAN NOT** enter the VDL and be returned to the owner as the head has the potential to be contaminated and is a biosecurity risk. Options include:

1. Contact a veterinarian experienced in tissue collection to collect and ship the samples (lymph nodes and brainstem) to the VDL. Please note that many veterinarians are not familiar with sample collection and may charge a fee.
2. Some taxidermist may know how to collect samples. Fees may apply.
3. Request a VDL technician to collect samples from your vehicle in the MVDL parking lot during business hours. The \$34 collection fee will be applied. Call the VDL at 800-605-8787 and have the administrative staff contact the technicians of a tissue collection request and preferred time between 8 AM – 4 PM, M-F. The MVDL will NOT cape a deer to preserve the hide.

**Shipping heads and samples:** Deer heads can be double-bagged and packed with frozen gel packs in a Styrofoam container and shipped to the VDL. Please use next day FedEx or UPS delivery. A local veterinary clinic may have shipping supplies and may be familiar with packaging and shipping animal specimens to the laboratory.

**Forms:** Please use the form on the following page when shipping samples.

### **Shipment and drop offs:**

Business hours (M-F, 8:00 – 4:30 PM)  
 Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL)  
 University of Minnesota – St. Paul Campus  
 1333 Gortner Avenue  
 St. Paul, MN 55108  
 Phone: 612-625-8787

-OR- Non-business hours & holidays  
 Veterinary Medical Center  
 University of Minnesota – St. Paul Campus  
 1365 Gortner Avenue (adjoining VDL)  
 St. Paul, MN 55108  
 Phone: 612-625-9711