Chronic Wasting Disease

CWD

This is a progressive, fatal disease of the central nervous system that attacks cervids (e.g. deer, moose, elk, and caribou). There is currently no treatment.

**SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS**

- Uncoordinated movements
- Drooping head
- Excessive thirst
- Emaciated

Similar symptoms may be observed in other diseases.

*Sometimes no clinical symptoms are shown.

**CWD SAMPLING**

MNRF staff annually test wild deer and other cervids in Ontario.

Since 2002, Ontario has tested more than 13,000 wild deer and elk

And over 3,100 farmed deer and elk for the disease

All tests have been negative

**LOCATION**

CWD has been found in 3 Canadian provinces:

- Alberta
- Saskatchewan
- Quebec

Also in 26 US states

**LEGAL**

**CANNOT**

- Bring in high risk body parts (brain, spinal column, etc.) of cervids from other provinces or states.
- Use products that contain bodily fluids from any cervids for the purpose of hunting.

**MUST**

- Hold a permit to transport live, captive cervids that are native to Ontario, into or through the province.

**CONTACT**

If you see a sick deer, report it to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1-866-673-4781 or the Natural Resources Information and Support Centre 1-800-667-1940.

More information and details regarding CWD regulations at ontario.ca/cwd