

Frequently Asked Questions regarding CWD sampling

Where do I submit my samples?

Currently, there is a single drop-off point that is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at our offices @ 2428 Shunk Rd in Sault Ste. Marie. By next deer season, we will have several of these drop-off locations throughout the 7 County Service Area. Further, we are working with other CORA Tribes to coordinate sampling and can make arrangements for sample drop off in areas of the Lower Peninsula. We can also make reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis for this year given our limited drop-off distribution sites. Please contact us at (906) 632-6132 for more information.

Can we accept sample from non-tribal hunters?

Yes, we can accept samples and test them at no cost to the hunter, however we can only provide copper ammo to Tribal hunters.

How long do test results take?

This is intended to be a CWD surveillance tool. Our samples will be extracted here in Sault Ste. Marie and sent to the University of Minnesota for testing. This process will take several weeks at a minimum. If your primary concern is getting test results quickly, the Sault Tribe Wildlife Program does not currently have the resources to do this, however we can provide information on getting your deer harvest tested quickly. Just contact us at (906) 632-6132.

How do I get my copper ammo?

Due to the myriad caliber and grain requests, we do not have ammunition on hand. We will be making one single bulk order for all samples collected at the end of the deer season. When ammunition order is received, we will mail ammo to hunters. We will make best attempts to honor hunters bullet grain request but may have to compromise with the closest available from the manufacturer.