

35:15-47-6. Minimum requirements for herd certification

- (a) Regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture concerning the control of CWD found at 9 CFR Part 55 (2015 Revision) are adopted by reference.
- (b) The Board shall issue a quarantine on any herd that contained a CWD positive cervid. The quarantined herd shall not participate in the herd certification program until all herd plan requirements are completed.
- (c) All deaths of cervids twelve (12) months of age or older, regardless of cause of death, shall have the obex and medial retropharyngeal lymph nodes sampled and submitted to an approved laboratory by a certified CWD sample collector. CWD sample collectors shall submit written test results to the Department within seven (7) days after receiving said test results from the laboratory.
- (d) If eligible animal deaths are not tested due to a missed sample, improper sample, or untestable sample, an additional live animal over twelve (12) months of age shall be sacrificed for sampling, status downgraded, or combination thereof.
- (e) Freezing animal heads or other acts that delay or inhibit quality sampling and testing may result in the suspension, decrease, or loss of CWD status.
- (f) The State Veterinarian may relax the minimum requirements for herd certification for extraordinary circumstances.
- (g) Herd owners shall report any animals displaying clinical signs of CWD, which may include but are not limited to, weight loss, behavioral changes, excessive salivation, increased drinking and urination, and depression.
- (h) Herd owners shall complete an annual herd inventory with an approved veterinarian during the dates assigned by the Department.