hours hunted, number of partners, youth partner, zone preferences, past lottery success, qualification success, and zone/site deer population estimates.

**Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing for Adult Deer is Mandatory:**

CWD occurs throughout the north and western portions of McHenry County and multiple positive deer have been harvested on District sites. All District deer hunters must have their harvested adult deer checked for CWD. Deer harvested during archery, muzzleloader or late CWD seasons, hunters will bring the entire animal or just the deer head; refrigerated but not frozen, for testing within 72 hours harvest to an IDNR designated CWD testing partnership facility. The hunter will fill out a short form that includes their District hunting site. The partnership facility will keep the forms and report them to the District. The hunter does not have to send anything in to the District.

Deer harvested during the Illinois first or second firearm seasons must be registered at either the McHenry County check station, located at Moraine Hills State Park, McHenry Dam Day Use Area, or the Boone County Fairgrounds; CWD testing occurs at both sites.

Deer harvested and planned for shoulder/head mount taxidermy must be tested for CWD. Firearm hunters during the 1st and 2nd Firearm season must take their deer to the IDNR check station to have their deer checked in. If they wish to have the deer mounted, they or a taxidermist can cape out and skull cap the deer to preserve the antlers. The caped head can then be dropped off at the IDNR check station or at an IDNR designated CWD testing partnership facility within 72 hours of harvest. If a trophy deer is taken during any other season, you may take the head/neck, minus the cape and skullcap to the partnership facility. What this means, is you, or your taxidermist, can remove the cape and skull cap prior to bringing it to be tested then partnership facility will take the head and perform the test.

If you prefer to have a European mount made (European mount is the skinned out and bleached skull with antlers attached), you may take the head to partnering facilities for testing. You may have to wait or leave the head at the facility depending on availability and schedule so communication with local partnership facilities prior to harvest is encouraged. Some testing facilities can perform the European-style mount for you. The District will provide information on partnership facilities at the mandatory orientation meeting. Please contact the District or IDNR for additional information and location of current partnership facilities in McHenry County.