In response to a captive cervid facility testing positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in January 2018 in eastern Holmes County, DSA 2018-01 was established effective August 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2018. Hunters harvesting a deer within the DSA during the 7-day gun season are required to present either the complete carcass or head for disease testing at an inspection station. **Hunters will no longer be required to submit heads for disease testing during either the 2-day Bonus Gun or 4-day Muzzleloader seasons.**

As in years past, no testing will be done during the youth deer gun season. Hunters may present their deer at either the Sugar Creek Village Hall (Tuscarawas County) at 410 S. Broadway Street, Sugar Creek or the Walnut Creek Township Garage (Holmes County) at 2490 TR 414, Dundee. Both locations will be open and staffed from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday December 2\textsuperscript{nd} to Sunday December 8\textsuperscript{th}. Additionally, inspection stations will be open Monday, December 9\textsuperscript{th} from 8 a.m. to noon. New this year, the Berlin Township Garage (Holmes County) at 5253 TR 359, Millersburg, will serve as an unmanned head drop location during the gun season. Deer heads will need to be removed prior to arrival and placed in designated containers. Skull-capped and caped heads are acceptable.

Hunters will be asked to provide their **6-character confirmation code** from the game check process as well as the location (nearest road intersection and township) where the deer was killed. Hunters that harvest a deer and wish to have it mounted must still bring their deer to an inspection station. Samples will not be taken at the time, but staff will collect additional information, so samples can be collected later.

DSA rules prohibit the placement of or use of salt, mineral supplement, grain, fruit, vegetables, or other feed to attract or feed deer within the DSA boundaries as well as hunting of deer by the aid of salt, mineral supplement, grain, fruit, vegetables, or other feed within the DSA boundaries. Normal
agricultural activities including feeding of domestic animals as well as hunting deer over food plots, naturally occurring or cultivated plants and agriculture crops are not prohibited.

Hunters who plan to hunt in DSA 2018-01 are encouraged to have their deer processed commercially, and ideally within the DSA. Commercial processing all but ensures that all high-risk carcass parts are properly disposed of. If you process your own deer, you are encouraged to double-bag all high-risk carcass parts and set them with household trash for pickup. There is no strong evidence that CWD affects humans; however, hunters can take some common-sense precautions, such as not harvesting deer that appear sick or otherwise abnormal and wearing rubber gloves while field dressing and processing deer.