CWD Safety Recommendations

- Do not shoot, handle or eat meat from a deer that appears sick.
- Wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing your deer.
- Bone out the meat from your animal. Don’t saw through bone, and avoid cutting through the brain or spinal cord (backbone).
- Do not use household knives or other kitchen utensils for field dressing.
- Minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.
CWD Safety Recommendations cont’d

- Avoid consuming brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils and lymph nodes of harvested animals. (Normal field dressing coupled with boning out a carcass will remove most, if not all, of these body parts. Cutting away all fatty tissue will remove remaining lymph nodes.)
- Avoid consuming the meat from any animal that tests positive for the disease.
- If you have deer commercially processed, request that the animal is processed individually, without meat from other animals being added
- Check state wildlife and public health guidance to see whether testing of animals is recommended or required. Recommendations vary by state, but information about testing is available from state wildlife agency websites.
Gloves

- Exam gloves
  - Latex
    - different weights
  - Latex alternatives
    - nitrile
    - neoprene
    - polyurethane
  - Double glove if warranted by perceived risks
  - Cut resistant gloves if desired
Gloves

- Rubber gloves
  - Latex
    - different weights
  - Latex alternatives
    - nitrile
    - neoprene
    - polyurethane
  - Double glove if warranted by perceived risks
  - Cut resistant gloves if desired
Cleaning and Disinfection

Equipment **must be cleaned** of all organic material before applying a disinfectant

- Organic material = Dust, dirt, mud, blood, feces, etc.
- Disinfectants do **NOT** penetrate organic material
- Brush or scrap organic material off
- Clean with scrub brush and water
- Apply disinfectant with sprayer or in a tub
What to do with potentially contaminated clothing?

• Disposable coveralls, disposable boot covers, latex gloves:
  – double bag and take to landfill

• Clothing:
  – Double bag before leaving site, launder (at station if possible) separately from other clothes on “hot”
  – Water soluble bags available

• Boots:
  – Clean with scrub brush and spray/dunk in disinfectant before transporting off site