

[Chronic wasting disease on the rise in Minnesota, but still a 'rare event'](#) January 18, 2026

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... just over 14,000 chronic wasting disease samples collected from deer this hunting season ... confirmed cases of the disease are up nearly 26 percent. During the 2024-2025 hunting season, 96 deer tested positive for the always-fatal disease... “We have right around 120 positives so far in the state,” ...

[Chronic wasting disease reaches endemic threshold in part of southeastern Minnesota](#)

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... Testing during the 2025 season shows prevalence of the disease reaching more than 5% in three southeast deer permit areas ... Minnesota received 121 positive results from nearly 14,000 samples analyzed from across the state during the 2025 deer seasons, a 26% increase in positives from the previous year ...