



CERVIDAE HEALTH RESEARCH INITIATIVE

SAMPLE SEND-IN INSTRUCTIONS

CHeRI provides free diagnostic services for Florida deer farmers through necropsies and ship-in samples. We also accept ship-in samples from out-of-state with the appropriate corresponding payment included. To ensure that we receive a fresh sample for EHDV and BTV testing from a ship-in, the following steps should be taken by the sender.

Call us at (352) 562-DEER before shipping a sample

1. Provide a clinical history over the phone

- Age, sex, tag ID, behavior, medication, date of death (if applicable), date of sampling

2. Provide us with contact information:

- Name
- Phone number, email address, mailing address
- Farm Name and address
- Dimensions of the package
- Weight of the package

3. Print and attach label emailed from CHeRI

- The label will be created by the UF College of Veterinary Medicine
- The label will be sent to your email from a CHeRI technician
- Print the label PDF and attach to your package. It will ship at no cost to you!

4. The package label we send to you will be addressed to the following:

attn. Juan Campos-Krauer
2015 SW 16 Ave
Room VC-74
Gainesville, FL 32608

If the label is incorrect, please let us know!

5. *IMPORTANT*: ALL TISSUE MUST BE SEALED AND DOUBLE BAGGED, ON ICE

- Double-bagged tissue in sealed bags, with paper towels or absorbent material inside the outer bag

- Samples should be placed in an insulated cooler, such as a Styrofoam cooler, and then it should be placed in a hard-sided box
- **PLENTY OF ICE PACKS IN THE COOLER**, enough to cover the samples completely and keep them cool until arrival; you will be shipping a package under Florida weather conditions, which can be at 90 °F and higher. *Please add extra ice packs in case of a delivery delay.*
- **If the sample does not arrive cold, testing may not be possible.**

6. Tissue Type and Testing

- Let us know what kind of tissue you are sending and what they are contained in
- Let us know what kind of diagnostic testing you would like performed. We offer EHDV/BTV Screening and EHDV typing; free for Florida deer farmers.
- **If the package is sent from out-of-state, EHDV/BTV Screening is \$52; EHDV Typing is \$52.** Checks and/or Money Orders need to be made out to University of Florida.

7. Package Tracking Information: Provide package tracking number when available