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Cervid TB DPP Test Submission Protocol

Testing Indiana cervids for tuberculosis (TB) is crucial for Indiana cervid herds to maintain their TB-accredited status. The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) reminds accredited veterinarians of the importance of completing test submission forms accurately and submitting valid samples.

VS Guidance document 6701.4 states that a VS 10-4 must be submitted with the cervid serum samples for TB testing. It states that a copy of the VS 6-22 or other form may accompany the 10-4 as a means of identifying the samples and the corresponding identification for the sampled animals.

VS Guidance Document 6701.4 also states the following regarding sample submission:

- Samples collected for DPP analysis must be received by NVSL **no later than 5 days** after the sample collection date.
- Samples must be shipped so that they are received by NVSL on Monday through Friday.
- Samples must not be shipped for receipt by NVSL on weekends or holidays.
- Sample submission forms must be accurate, complete and must include a sample collection date.

345 IAC 2.5-2-4 Sec 4 of the Indiana code states that a person conducting a tuberculin test in the state shall report each tuberculin test conducted to the state veterinarian on an approved form within fourteen (14) days of completing the test. The standard approved form for use in reporting TB results is the VS 6-22.

For TB testing of cervids in Indiana using the serum test, we are establishing the following protocol:

1. Draw blood samples, separate serum and prepare for shipping overnight to NVSL on ice. The serum samples are not to be in direct contact with an ice pack.

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2. The original 10-4 must accompany the samples.
 - a. All identification can be recorded on the VS 10-4, or
 - b. A copy of the VS 6-22 listing all identification can be sent with the 10-4 with a notation on the 10-4 to refer to the VS 6-22 for animal identification.
3. Once the results are received by the submitting veterinarian from NVSL, complete the original VS 6-22, fill in the test results, and **submit to BOAH within 14 days** of receiving the results. Please retain a copy for your records.
4. If no results are received within 14 days of submitting the sample, please contact our office.

Contact Dr. Miller or Dr. Chavis for any further questions regarding TB testing cervids in Indiana.

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