

within six months of designation. Upon completion of the required testing, the MDA Director must remove the designation. In this sense, this designation is more short-term in nature than the high risk designation, which lasts a minimum of three years. For example, upon discovery of the disease in wild deer in Emmet County, a portion of Emmet and Cheboygan Counties was designated as a potential high risk area. However, following the required testing, the designation was removed. Discovery of the disease in livestock will cause Emmet County to be designated a high risk area. Whole-herd testing of all other cattle and goats outside the high/potential high risk areas is statutorily required by January 1, 2004.

Figure 1

