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Data analysis	All code and generated data used in this study are available in the R software package whitetailedSIRS. Citation: Rosenblatt, E, Rudolph, J.F., Arce, F., Cook, J. D., DiRenzo, G.V., Grant, E.H.C., Runge, M.C., and Mosher, B.A., 2023. whitetailedSIRS: A package to project SARS-CoV-2 outbreak dynamics in white-tailed deer. Version 1.0.0: U.S. Geological Survey software release, https://doi.org/10.5066/P9TZK938

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Study description	This was a multidisciplinary study designed to better understand and mitigate SARS-CoV-2 spread in white-tailed deer across One Health sectors. We worked with a One Health committee to identify risks associated with SARS2 in deer, the objectives of agencies that were affected by the spread of disease in white-tailed deer, and the alternative actions they might take to mitigate those risks. We then developed a dynamic compartmental model that linked wild and captive deer herds and humans and simulated SARS-CoV-2 dynamics. We then tested single-sector alternatives alone and in combination with other sector actions. Our results are reported as means and prediction intervals for each treatment with no tests of statistical significance.
Research sample	No research samples were taken, however, the study was designed to simulate wild and captive white-tailed deer dynamics (including behavior and movement dynamics) to evaluate the potential spread of a zoonotic disease. We determined sample size (number of simulations) based on preliminary evaluation of the data, the ability to fully explore parameter space including interactions, and used the sensitivity to model results for a range of samples sizes to guide this decisions.
Sampling strategy	No sampling strategy was employed in this study.
Data collection	Data was collected using a literature review and formal expert elicitation protocols. The expert elicitation protocols were described in detail in Rosenblatt et al. which is a companion study to this paper.
Timing and spatial scale	No data were collected; however, the data simulations were projected across 120 days in each scenario to incorporate fall deer behavior (September-December). We focused on the fall season as deer reproductive behavior results in increased deer contact rates and multiple hunting seasons and seasonal captive activities could increase human-to-deer interactions.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded.
Reproducibility	All code and generated data used in this study are available in the R software package whitetailedSIRS. Citation: Rosenblatt, E,

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Randomization

n/a

Blinding

n/a

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