

**Notice of Virulent Newcastle Disease Regional Quarantine
Affecting Bird Owners: Effective 9:00 P.M. February 27, 2019**

Virulent Newcastle Disease (VND), a severe disease in poultry, has been found in backyard and commercial/independent/small poultry businesses in Southern California. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the United States Department of Agriculture is actively engaged in eradicating the disease. To prevent on-going spread of VND, the State Veterinarian has imposed a Quarantine, pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562, on the owners of all poultry, poultry products, associated poultry materials and non-poultry species in **all of Los Angeles County** and **specified sections of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties**.

Quarantine Boundaries: All of Los Angeles County. That portion of San Bernardino County to the south and west of the boundary delineated by State Highway 58 from the Kern County line to Interstate Highway 15, Interstate Highway 15 from State Highway 58 to State Highway 247, State Highway 247 from Interstate Highway 15 to State Highway 62, State Highway 62 west from State Highway 247 to the Riverside County line. That portion of Riverside County west of the boundary delineated by State Highway 62 from the San Bernardino County line to Interstate Highway 10, Interstate Highway 10 from State Highway 62 to State Highway 86, State Highway 86 from Interstate Highway 10 to the Imperial County line. See quarantine map at: www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/vnd.

Required Actions: (Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code 9562 and Title 3 California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 *et seq*) you are required to:

1. Report:

- a) All bird owners shall immediately report any clinical signs suggestive of VND to the Sick Bird Hotline (866-922-2473).
- b) All commercial/independent/small poultry businesses shall immediately report any clinical signs suggestive of VND and any significant changes to their health and/or production monitoring records as required by CDFA.*

2. Test:

- a) All bird owners shall allow diagnostic testing of their birds for VND.
- b) All commercial/independent/small poultry businesses shall test their poultry for VND as required by CDFA.*

3. Isolate:

- a) All poultry must be isolated from all non-poultry species.
- b) All poultry must be confined to a premises in a pen, cage or some other means that prevents poultry from moving off the premises.
- c) No poultry can move off a premises without prior written permission from CDFA.*
- d) All commercial/independent/small poultry businesses must receive prior written permission from the CDFA before movements into, within, or out of this region of poultry, poultry products, poultry associated materials or other items that could spread VND (due to contact with poultry, poultry products or poultry associated materials).*
- e) No movement of any non-poultry species from premises that also house poultry without prior written permission from CDFA.*

4. **Cease:**

- a) No exhibitions of poultry (including racing pigeons) or non-poultry species without prior written permission from CDFA.*
- b) No **live** poultry shall leave any live bird market, pet store, feed store or other retail establishment without prior written permission from CDFA.*
- c) No shipping, transporting, or receiving live poultry or poultry hatching eggs out of or into this regional quarantine area without prior written permission from CDFA.* This includes shipments via the United States Postal Service, private package shipping companies or similar methods.

5. **Enhance Biosecurity:**

- a) All commercial/independent/small poultry businesses shall enhance their biosecurity as required by CDFA.*
- b) All retail establishments selling poultry feed shall enhance their biosecurity as required by CDFA.*

***For more information about movement restrictions, biosecurity and testing requirements, please call 866-922-2473 or email SFSPermits@cdfa.ca.gov.**

Definitions:

Poultry: Including all chickens, turkeys, turkins, pheasants, peafowl, guinea fowl, quail, ducks, geese, swans, gallinules, doves, pigeons, grouse, partridges, francolin, tinamou, ostriches, and other ratites (including but not limited to the rhea, emu, and cassowary), and hatching or embryonated eggs.

Poultry Products: Eggs, manure, feed, carcasses, feathers, used poultry equipment.

Non-poultry species: All other avian species.

Owner: Owners of all poultry and non-poultry species, and operators of poultry-related businesses in the quarantined region.

Exhibition: Any event, gathering or activity where live poultry from various sources are brought together for public display, competitive or non-competitive showing, racing, fighting or trade at venues that include, but are not limited to auctions, bird shows, fair exhibits, swap meets, flea markets, poultry sporting events and at individual residences.

VND Clinical Signs: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/signsofVND>

- General Appearance- **swelling around the eyes & neck, twisted head & neck**, circling, complete paralysis, muscle tremors, drooping wings
- Respiratory-**gasping for air**, nasal discharge, coughing, sneezing
- Digestive- **greenish, watery diarrhea**
- Egg Production- medium to big drop in production, thin-shelled eggs
- Death- increased death loss in flock, **sudden death**

Violations: Failure to comply with the requirements of this Quarantine Notice may result in a fine (FAC 9166). If the violation causes VND to spread beyond the quarantine boundaries, the violator may be civilly liable for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for each act that constitutes a violation (FAC 9574).

Appeal Rights: The owner may appeal the imposition of the quarantine and request an informal hearing pursuant to Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.2 and 1301.3. You may appeal by contacting the State Veterinarian at cdfa.qna@cdfa.ca.gov and requesting an informal hearing. Due to the immediate need to contain this outbreak, **YOUR REQUEST FOR A HEARING MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 9:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 28, 2019.**