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## ***Virulent Newcastle Disease (VND) Update***

The California Department of Food and Agriculture announced yesterday they have lifted restrictions on movement of birds throughout California. View their latest announcement [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal\\_Health/Newcastle\\_Disease\\_Info.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/Newcastle_Disease_Info.html)

Once again, we want to commend the members that were affected. Your patience and compliance is greatly appreciated! Additionally, we know that your efforts to stop movement of your teams was a tremendous sacrifice.

Thank you!

## ***AU Bio-Security Recommendations***

Basic bio-security measures should always be used. It is more important than ever to make sure you are cleaning your loft regularly, washing hands going in and out of the loft, monitoring or perhaps restricting others from going in and out of your loft and placing new birds in a quarantine section before integrating them with your other birds. AU Bio-Security Recommendations are found at <http://www.pigeon.org/loftcertificationpolicy.htm>