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

The California State Veterinarian recently posted that they have passed the freedom of disease testing phase and hope to lift quarantines within the next couple of weeks. As of now, restrictions are still in place, however, the news is hopeful.

Additionally, we received word from the United States Postal Service in Washington, D.C. that they are now allowing shipments to and from the zip codes listed below. Shipments have been restricted due to the virus outbreak, however, will now resume. See below.

“Effective **Monday 06/01/20**, the United States Postal Service **WILL ALLOW** the shipment of birds and hatching eggs **into and out of zip codes 90000-93599 (BUR, LAX, ONT, SAN and SNA).**”

We appreciate the members for their patience and assistance while the restrictions and quarantines have been in place. We know it has been a long time since many of you have been able to train and race your birds and admire your resolve to be part of the solution.

## ***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>