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Virulent Newcastle Disease Outbreak

The California Department of Food and Agriculture report that additional cases of virulent Newcastle Disease have been confirmed. The total number reported as of September 6 is now 137. Additionally, it has spread to a fourth county. Cases have been confirmed in San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Riverside and Ventura Counties.

You will note in the information found within the links below, that restriction on movement has been imposed in several areas. ***The AU reminds members in these areas to seek alternate race courses and to comply with all quarantine and regulation mandates. Please review this information to determine if you are within the restricted areas.***

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal Health/pdfs/V N D SB Riverside Area Q uarantine.pdf](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal%20Health/pdfs/V%20N%20D%20SB%20Riverside%20Area%20Quarantine.pdf)

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal Health/Newcastle Disease Info.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal%20Health/Newcastle%20Disease%20Info.html)

It is important that members not allow comingling of pigeons and poultry. We also encourage members to follow recommended bio-security measures.

The AU is in contact with USDA officials and will continue to monitor the situation and advocate for pigeon fanciers.

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>