



# VIRULENT NEWCASTLE DISEASE

## Don't Move Birds Out of a Quarantined Area

*Virulent Newcastle disease (vND) is a fatal viral disease affecting the respiratory, nervous, and digestive systems of birds and poultry. The disease spreads so quickly that many birds and poultry die without showing any signs.*

*vND is not a food safety concern. No human cases of Newcastle disease have ever occurred from eating poultry products. Properly cooked poultry products are safe to eat.*

*In very rare instances, vaccination crews and people working directly with sick birds can become infected with mild symptoms, such as conjunctivitis (pinkeye). This is easily prevented by using personal protective equipment.*

vND spreads quickly through contact with affected birds or through contact with clothes, shoes, people, tires, and equipment used around affected flocks.

All birds within the quarantined area are at risk for developing and spreading this disease. Unchecked, vND will decimate backyard bird flocks for years to come and have severe economic impacts.



The best way to stop this disease from affecting more flocks is to NOT move any birds out of the quarantined area.

Birds can only be moved if they test negative and have the proper movement permit. It may also be necessary to euthanize birds within the quarantined area.

We know that the quarantine and euthanasia needed to end a large disease outbreak are hard for the community, especially bird owners. By quarantining and euthanizing the birds that are most at risk, we can prevent the further spread of the disease and save the lives of countless other birds.

We all have a responsibility to protect the Nation's backyard and commercial flocks, as well as pet birds, and prevent the disease from further threatening all U.S. birds.

If your birds become sick, report it right away—

**CALL 1-866-536-7593. DO NOT MOVE THE BIRDS.**



**Help keep this disease from spreading to new flocks!**

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