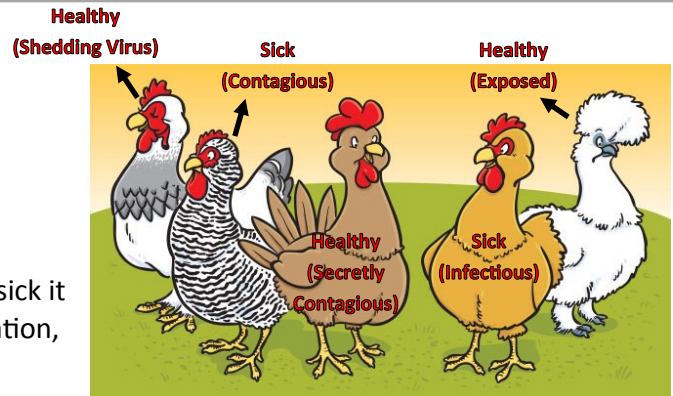


How to Protect Birds and Prevent Virulent Newcastle Disease

A Guide for Backyard Poultry Owners

Key Points

- People in contact with birds can spread the disease.
- Birds that:
 - * survive the infection can spread disease
 - * are vaccinated can still spread disease
 - * have been exposed to the virus can spread disease
 before they become sick; If a few birds in your flock are sick it is **not safe** to move healthy looking birds to another location, because they can be silent carriers
- **Birds that look healthy can spread disease.**



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Best prevention: Don't move birds; Limit your contact with other people's birds.

Moving Birds Anywhere Can Spread the Disease

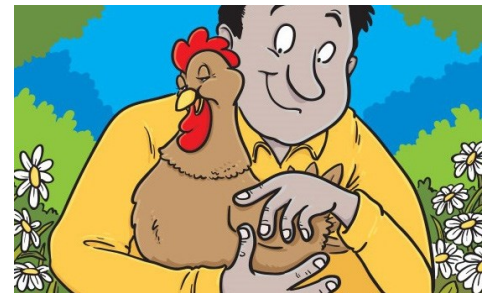
- You should not bring your birds to events where they will be in contact with other birds until the vND outbreak is over.
- Moving birds could spread the virus to the new location and infect an entirely new community.
- If you do take your birds to an event where there are other birds, you should not allow them to co-mingle with your home flock when they return. They should be isolated for at least 30 days to prevent disease exposure to the rest of your flock.
- **Isolation** should occur on a separate property where there are no other birds because this disease is EXTREMELY contagious and LETHAL to your flock.
- If you do bring birds back to your property after taking them off your property, keep them as far away from other birds as possible, ideally in an enclosed structure.
- **It is against the law to violate quarantine orders or to move birds from a known quarantine area.**



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People and Equipment Can Spread Disease

- If your friends or family own birds, do not allow them to touch your birds and do not touch birds owned by others.
- Do not allow them to come to your property without showering and wearing clean clothes. You should do the same when visiting their property to protect their flock.
- If you go to an event with poultry, shower and change clothes before and after handling your birds.
- If you go to an event with poultry you should wash your vehicle in a carwash before returning home (virus can be carried on tires).
- Do not share equipment or other items with friends, family, or anyone else that is in contact with poultry until the outbreak is over.

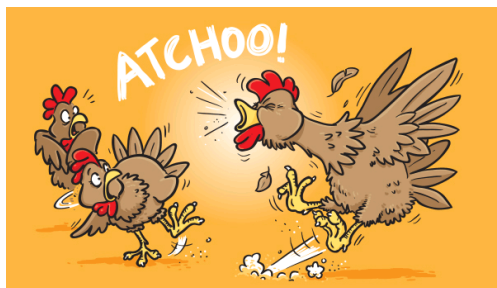


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Bringing New Birds Onto Your Property Can Spread the Disease

If you have healthy birds on your property:

- **Isolate** new birds for at least 30 days before you bring them into contact with your existing flock.



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- **Isolation** should occur on a separate property where there are no other birds.
- If you do bring new birds directly onto a property with other birds, keep them as far away from other birds as possible, ideally in an enclosed structure.
- *Change clothes and disinfect hands and shoes, in between caring for new and old birds.*

If you think you've had vND on your property and were not contacted by CDFA:

- If you think you've had vND on your property, you should follow all guidelines in the *Cleaning and Disinfection* document before bringing new birds onto your property.
- You should wait a minimum of 120 days after cleaning and disinfecting your property for the disease to die; bringing new birds to your property, before the virus is gone, puts you at risk of losing them to the disease.



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- **Even if you have waited 120 days, you should not bring any new birds onto your property if vND is in your neighborhood.** The new birds will likely get sick.

If you've had your birds euthanized by CDFA or are in a known quarantine area:

- You cannot put new birds on your property until you receive written notice from the State Veterinarian stating that restocking is allowed.

BEWARE OF THE SURVIVORS!

*Infected birds may appear strong and healthy, however, they carry the virus and **can infect other birds for up to six months!***

To report an unusual number of sick or dead birds, call:

**Sick Bird Hotline
(866) 922-2473**

For more information on virulent Newcastle disease, please visit:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/Newcastle_Disease_Info.html