



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### CDFA issues resident warning of active vND virus spread

MENIFEE, CA – An urgent notice to the public from State Veterinarian Dr. Annette Jones, by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), alerted resident areas of active Virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) virus spread.

The following notice to the public stated, “Due to the progression and duration of a Virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) outbreak in parts of Southern California, the State Veterinarian has ordered mandatory euthanasia of poultry in some neighborhoods within or near the communities of Eastvale, Menifee, Mira Loma, Jurupa Valley, Norco, Nuevo, Perris, Riverside (Riverside County); Compton and Whittier (Los Angeles County); and Chino, Fontana, Hesperia, Highland, Muscoy, and Ontario (San Bernardino County).”

The notice continued, “Unfortunately, even individual birds and flocks previously tested negative, but now fall within a designated mandatory euthanasia area, must be euthanized. USDA/CDFA staff will contact affected bird owners with orders for their individual properties. While this action is difficult for all involved, it MUST be done to eradicate vND. Otherwise, the disease will continue to spread and kill additional flocks. While this action is difficult for all involved, it MUST be done to eradicate vND. Otherwise, the disease will continue to spread and kill additional flocks.”

The CDFA has provided a Virulent Newcastle Disease FAQs sheet, [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal\\_Health/pdfs/FAQ-WhatYouNeedtoKnow-vND2018.pdf](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/pdfs/FAQ-WhatYouNeedtoKnow-vND2018.pdf), or for those seeking more information to please call the Sick Bird Hotline at (866) 922-2473.

**ABOUT MENIFEE:** *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 90,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*