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Dear Keeper.

As the welcome news to lift the Prevention Zone (requirement to house or keep birds netted from wild birds) draws near at 00:01 on Monday 9 May 2022, Liberation Day, we encourage all bird keepers to continue with high biosecurity standards.

Those allowing their birds outside are advised to use the upcoming days to prepare their outside areas for the release of their birds. For example, cleansing and disinfection of hard surfaces, fencing off ponds or standing water if possible, and reintroduction of wild bird deterrents.

Whilst not wanting to dampen the upcoming freedom, we would also encourage keepers to consider how they could house their birds for prolonged periods in winter to spring in the unfortunate, but likely event that housing restrictions become an annual requirement due to Avian Influenza virus detection in Jersey or there is an increased risk of disease from neighbouring countries.

We want to thank you once again for your cooperation in trying to house and keep your birds away from wild birds over the past few months.

Please email rva@gov.je or phone Reception 441600 if you no longer keep any birds and wish to Deregister from our Poultry Registration list.

Yours sincerely,
The Government Veterinary Team

Recommended Biosecurity measures:

- Foot dips placed at poultry, domestic waterfowl and other captive bird housing or run entrances and exits, charged with an approved "Diseases of Poultry" disinfectant ([Approved list of disinfectants on DEFRA website](#)) that you can source from local suppliers
- Dedicated protective clothing and washable boots for those in contact with the birds or their housing
- Maintain a routine cleaning and disinfecting routine for your bird housing, cages, feed store and pathways leading to and from bird areas
- An effective vermin control program should be in place and bird houses should be in a good state of repair to exclude entry of vermin and wild birds
- To reduce the contact of domestic birds with wild birds, their foodstuffs and bedding should be stored away from wild bird access and birds should be fed and watered inside their housing

- Visitors to the birds should be kept to a minimum with staff, vehicle and equipment movements between housing also minimised
- If Bird Flu (or any other disease) is suspected in one of multiple bird houses or runs, please seek Veterinary advice before continuing work in additional runs