OUTBREAK SITUATION
e.g., poultry farm, game estate

Do exposures include:
swabbing, culling, direct contact with infected
carcasses or faecal matter or contaminated litter (or
handling live birds on infected premises between 48
hours before symptom onset and culling)?

NO

Any other exposures on outbreak
premises

Active surveillance during all
exposures and for ten days
after last exposure.
No antiviral prophylaxis.
Continue PPE as per HSE
guidance for all exposures on
outbreak premises

Yes

Was full PPE worn as per HSE guidance through exposures,
without any breaches? (as monitored by incident lead agency)

Yes

Inform and advise health
risk is very low

No

Inform and
advise health
risk is very low

WILD BIRD INCIDENT

Do exposures include:
swabbing or direct contact with
carcasses with confirmed
infection?

YES

If within seven days of PPE breach,
start post-exposure antivirals for ten
days
Active surveillance during all
exposures and for 10 days after last
exposure (or for duration of post-
exposure antivirals, whichever is
longer). Continue PPE as per HSE
guidance for all exposures on outbreak
premises

NO

Inform and
advise health
risk is very low

YES

Acute onset of conjunctivitis or acute respiratory infections within follow-up period requires
exclusion from incident, assessment, treatment dose antivirals and testing.

Refer to notes on page 2

A breach would constitute omission of any item of PPE or use inconsistent with this guidance. These recommendations are specific to Avian Influenza A(H5N8). If only Influenza A (H5) positive, or another Influenza A (H5) subtype identified, follow strict approach as per PHE guidance. These recommendations may be updated or withdrawn at any time due to changes in virology or epidemiology of Avian Influenza A(H5N8); please consult the [PHE website](http://www.phe.gov.uk) for latest information. Adequate monitoring of PPE adherence is central to these interim recommendations; these recommendations may be discontinued if such monitoring is not possible during an AI outbreak.