

## Algorithm 2: Investigation and management of possible human cases of avian influenza in known contacts under Public Health Surveillance

### Avian Influenza Case Definition *POSSIBLE* human case

#### One or more of the following symptoms:

- Fever > 38°C
- Acute onset of at least one of the following respiratory symptoms: cough (+/- sputum), hoarseness, nasal discharge or congestion, SOB, sore throat, wheezing, sneezing.
- Acute onset conjunctivitis
- Any other severe or life threatening illness suggestive of an infective process
- **ADDITIONALLY in the 10/7 prior to symptom onset, the patient must have been exposed to a confirmed Avian Influenza incident in Ireland<sup>1</sup>.**
- Individuals with symptoms should be advised to contact local public health in hours and if out of hours to call their local ED (NAS if very unwell) and inform them that they are an H5N1 contact

**N.B. PPE for Health and Care Workers**  
Undertake a point of care risk assessment with every patient at each interaction.

