




Biosecurity timeline

1 All pre-quarantine

When the avian influenza risk is very high, anyone who has not been housed in a secure, roofed space must be quarantined off site for at least 7 days before then beginning the quarantine here!

As part of rescuing/fostering chickens, we have a responsibility to limit the risk of bringing infectious disease to the animals already living here.

2 FULL quarantine



Newbies are housed completely separately and for the first 2 weeks we wear separate overalls, gloves and masks*. This ensures we have time to spot any respiratory or other illnesses that could be spread on our clothes etc to other flocks.

3 Further quarantine

We do a minimum of 2 further weeks in separate housing. By this time we should have worm test results too.

4 Ongoing measures

We have separate shoes for all flocks and amend our biosecurity measures around the avian influenza risks.

Keeping everyone safe

We're lucky that we've never had anything more sinister than lice/worms brought in by newbies but there's a first time for everything so we do take biosecurity very seriously.

*Mycoplasma can survive transiently in human nostrils for up to 2 days, hence the masks to protect against it being breathed into other chickens!