

Biosecurity Risk Assessment Contagious Organisms

<i>Check most appropriate box</i>	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Purchase herd replacements	Closed herd.	Purchase with screening tests.	Purchase with no screening tests.
Milking protocol	Single service towel.	Occasionally more than one cow per towel.	More than one cow per towel.
Milkers wear gloves	All milkers all the time.	Some milkers, or sometimes.	Less than ½ wear gloves or none.
Monitor mastitis cases with periodic cultures	Culture frequently.	Culture just chronic cows.	Rarely culture.
Dry cow therapy in all animals	Good protocol based on sensitivity data.	Good protocol, no basis for selection.	Poor protocol, no basis, less than 100% treated.
Effective, approved teat dip. Teat coverage	Effective dip and good skin coverage.	Effective dip and fair skin coverage.	Questionable efficacy and poor coverage.
Bulk tank cultures	Routine culture as part of quality protocol.	Only culture when problems arise.	Rarely or never culture bulk tank.
Control of contagious mastitis organisms in heifers	Do not feed waste milk, or pasteurize. Good fly control. Program to check quarters early.	Feed whole milk but not from mastitis string. Fair fly control. Only check quarters if clinical.	Feed waste milk from mastitis string. Fly control is not ideal. Treat mastitis without dx or plan.