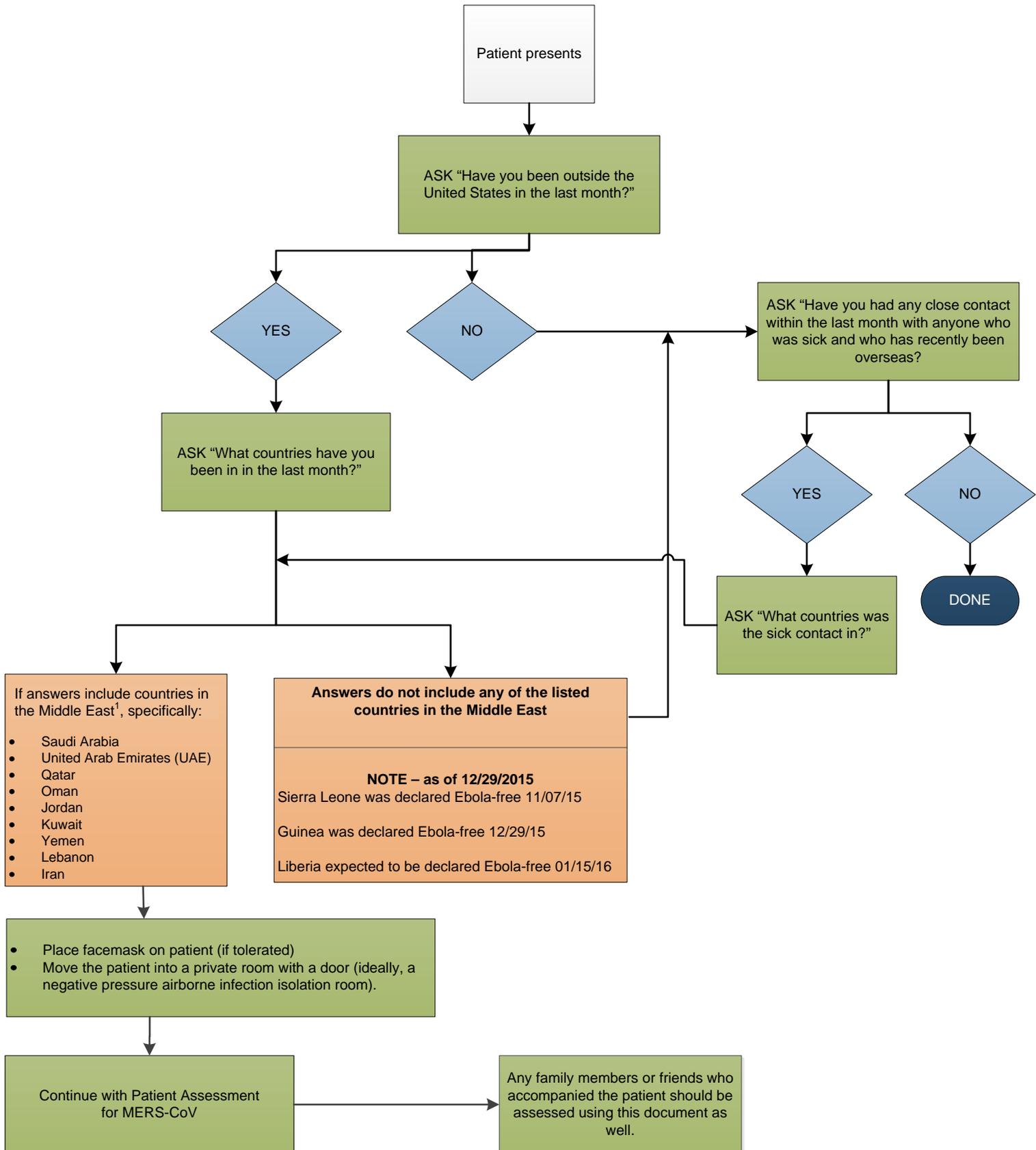


Emergency Department Triage Guidance

Always collect a travel history on patients presenting with febrile illnesses and remain aware of current outbreaks.



1. For an up-to-date list of MERS-CoV-affected countries, please see map here: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/index.html>

2. For an up-to-date list of Ebola-affected countries, please see map here: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/distribution-map.html>

To contact your regional or metro health department (<http://tn.gov/health/topic/localdepartments>) or contact TDH by calling 615-741-7247 (24/7)

Emergency Department Patient Assessment for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)

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This guidance should be used in combination with the triage guidance document.

- Place facemask on patient (if tolerated) and move the patient into a private room with a door (ideally, a negative pressure airborne infection isolation room).
- Consider continuing the interview from outside the room (through cracked door/telephone/intercom/video-chat) to obtain details of travel and symptoms.

- Keep patient in isolation.
- If entering room, staff should wear gowns, gloves, face shield, and an N-95 or higher respirator.
- Ask the patient “Are or were you having a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other respiratory symptoms?”



Screen for MERS Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) Infection¹

- **Obtain onset dates of symptoms.**
- **Obtain travel details:** include countries visited and exact dates of arrival/departure. Use travel documents (passport, itinerary, boarding passes) if available
- **Obtain exposure details:** Ask the patient about any known exposure to healthcare (e.g., healthcare worker, visit or admission to clinics, hospitals, emergency departments) or exposure to camels, camel milk, or camel meat.
- **For the diagnosis of MERS-CoV infection to be considered, person must have been in MERS-CoV affected country² or had contact with MERS patient within 14 days of symptom onset¹**

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Contact Infection Control & Public Health³, and request an ID consult if patient was in MERS -CoV affected country or had contact with MERS patient within 14 days of symptom onset¹

1. MERS-CoV screening tool and specimen submission form is available at: <https://tnhan.tn.gov/default.aspx>
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