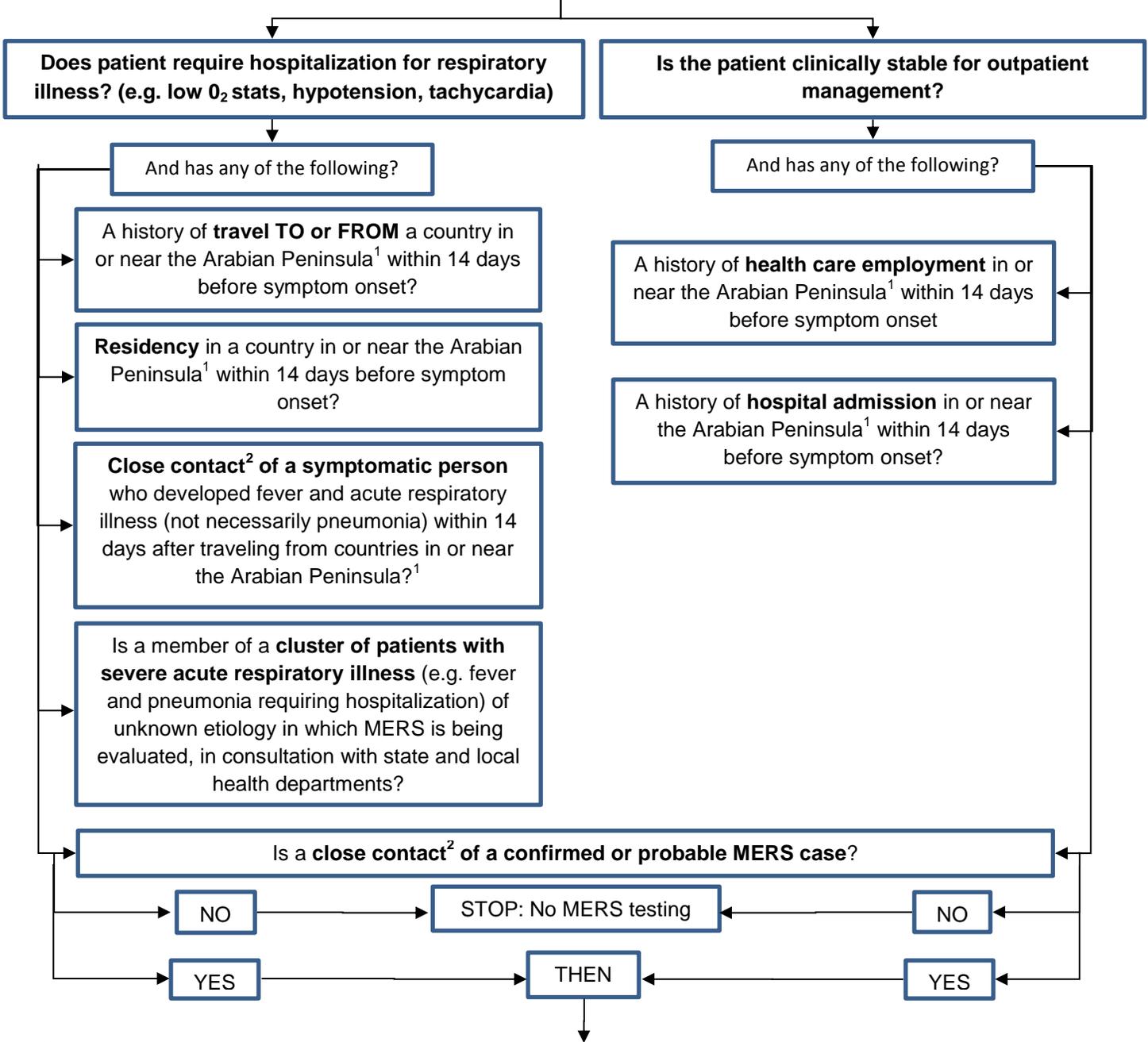




## Clinician Screening Tool for Identifying Patients Under Investigation for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) 5/20/14

History of fever AND/OR respiratory illness that may include pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome or other serious respiratory conditions of potentially infectious origin



This patient meets the criterion for a Patient Under Investigation for MERS:

- As soon as MERS-CoV infection is suspected, **a mask should be placed on the patient** and the evaluation should continue after the patient has been placed on standard, **contact, and aerosol precautions** to prevent any additional exposures. Further information can be found here: [www.flhealth.gov/mers](http://www.flhealth.gov/mers) and <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/infection-prevention-control.html>
- Contact your [county health department epidemiology program](#) to discuss testing for MERS coronavirus.

1-Countries considered in or near the Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestinian territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Yemen.

2-Close contact is defined as a) any person who provided care for the patient, including a health care worker or family member, or had similarly close physical contact; any person who stayed at the same place (e.g. lived with, visited) as the patient while the patient was ill.