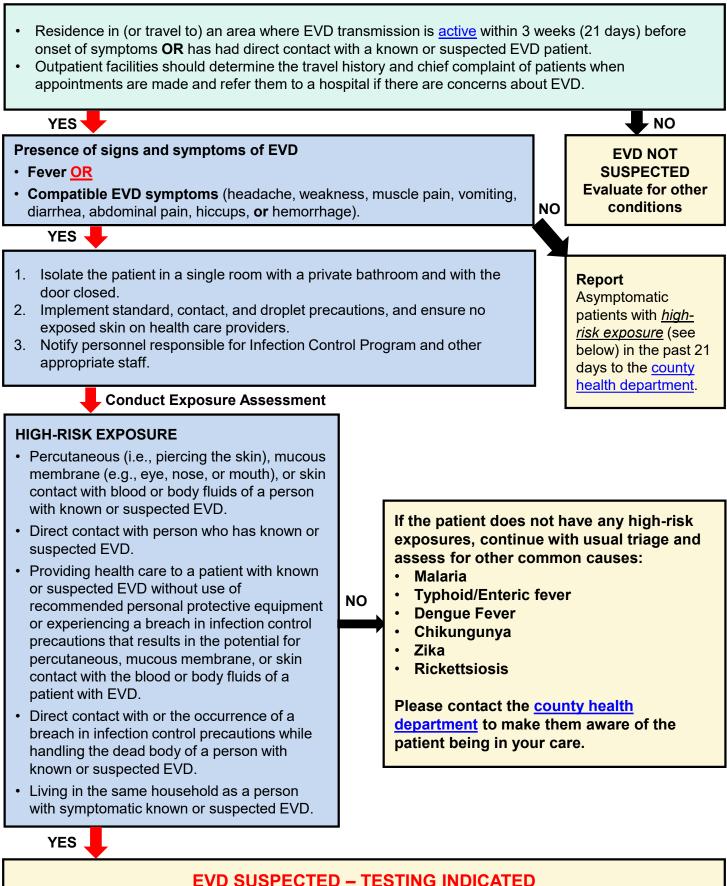
### Decision Algorithm to Assist with Identifying Patients with Suspected Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

(10/26/2022 Please note this interim guidance is subject to change.)





Immediately report to your <u>county health department</u> or Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology at

### 850-245-4401 to authorize testing.

# Infection control recommendations:

- www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/clinicians/evd/infection-control.html
- Single patient room with private bathroom, door closed; restrict visitors
- Avoid aerosol-generating procedures; utilize aerosol precautions if performed
- Implement environmental infection control measures

## **Testing recommendations**

- Conduct only essential laboratory testing, and take appropriate precautions according to laboratory recommendations
- Include malaria diagnostics in initial testing as it is the most common cause of febrile illness in persons with travel history to affected countries
- Following consultation with DOH and approval for EVD testing, collect two 4 mL whole blood specimens in *plastic* purple top tubes (EDTA); <u>do not use pneumatic tube system</u> for transport; contact DOH to determine the proper category for shipment (Category A)
- Negative results will be reported with the following comment "If fever or symptoms have been present for less than 72 hours, a repeat test may be required to rule out Ebola virus infection."

# Resources:

Florida DOH Website:

www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/ebola/index.html

 CDC Ebola Clinician Website: <u>www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/index.html</u>