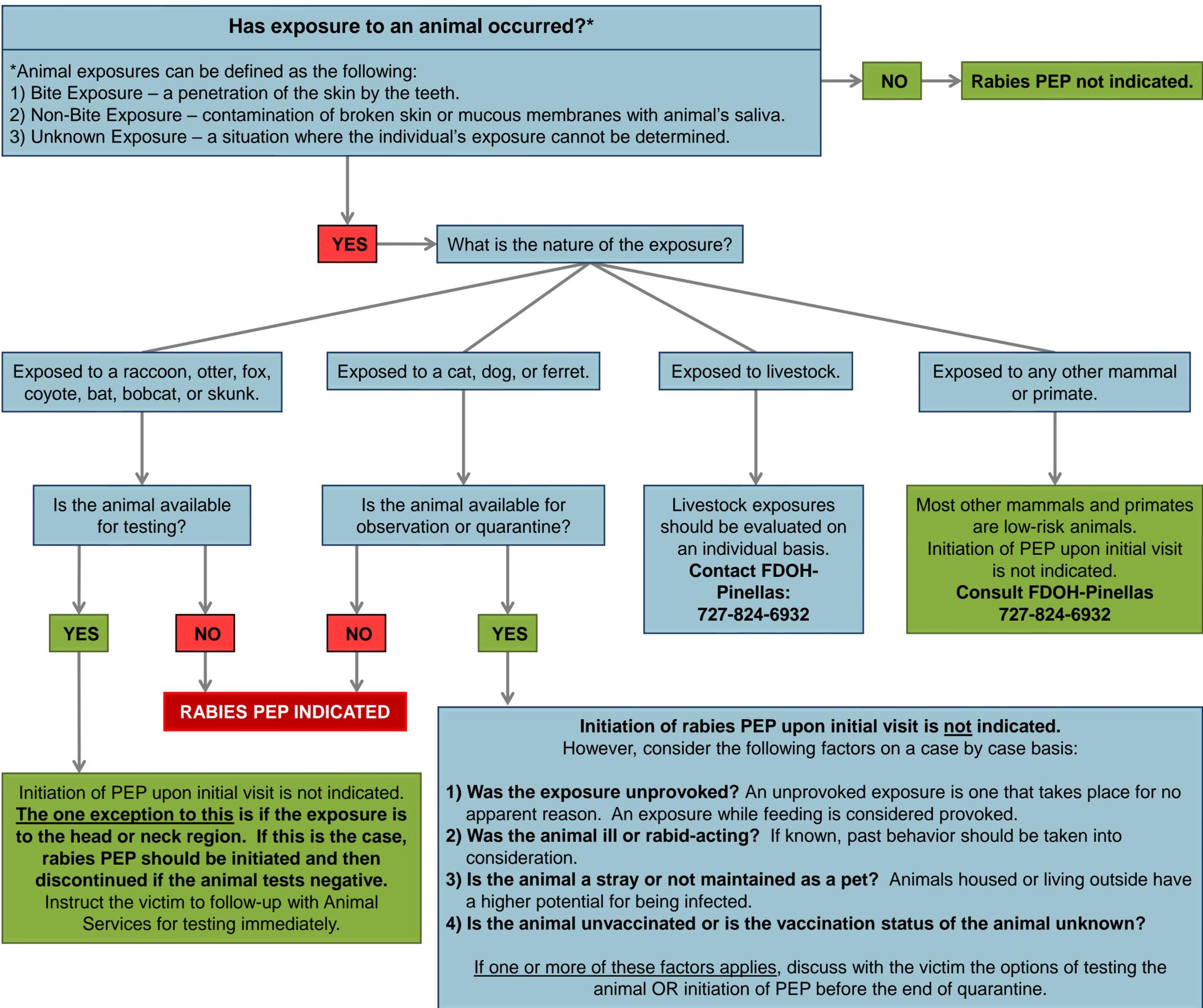


Rabies Post-Exposure Guidance

Use this flow chart to determine whether rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is indicated for an individual with an animal exposure.

It is the duty of the provider to initiate rabies PEP upon initial visit if deemed necessary by this chart.

Use the box at bottom left for rabies PEP dosing information.



ADMINISTERING RABIES PEP

Treatment for unvaccinated individuals:

- One-time dose of Human Rabies Immune Globulin (HRIG) at 20 IU/kg body weight (9 IU/lb) on **day 0**. If anatomically feasible, the full dose of HRIG should be infiltrated in the area around and into the wound(s). Any remaining volume should be administered IM at an anatomical site distant from vaccine administration.*HRIG should **never** be given in the gluteal muscle/area due to questionable Immune response. (The only exception is if the exposure site is in the gluteal muscle/area).

AND

- 1.0 mL rabies vaccine IM in the deltoid area on **days 0, 3, 7, and 14**.
- Immunosuppressed individuals should receive a fifth dose of vaccine on **day 28** and have follow-up testing for RFFIT rabies neutralizing antibody within one to two weeks after the fifth vaccination.

Treatment for previously vaccinated individuals:

- HRIG **should not** be administered to individuals previously vaccinated after 1980.
- 1.0 mL rabies vaccine IM in the deltoid area on **days 0 and 3**.

PLEASE NOTE: HRIG and Rabies vaccine should **never** be administered in the gluteal area due to reduced production of antibody. Pregnancy is not a contraindication for receiving rabies PEP.

For any questions regarding the administration of HRIG or PEP please contact your local Health Department.

ALL animal exposures must be reported by fax to:

**Pinellas County Animal Services
 Fax: 727-582-2635**

AND

**Florida Department of Health in
 Pinellas County
 Fax: 727-484-3865**