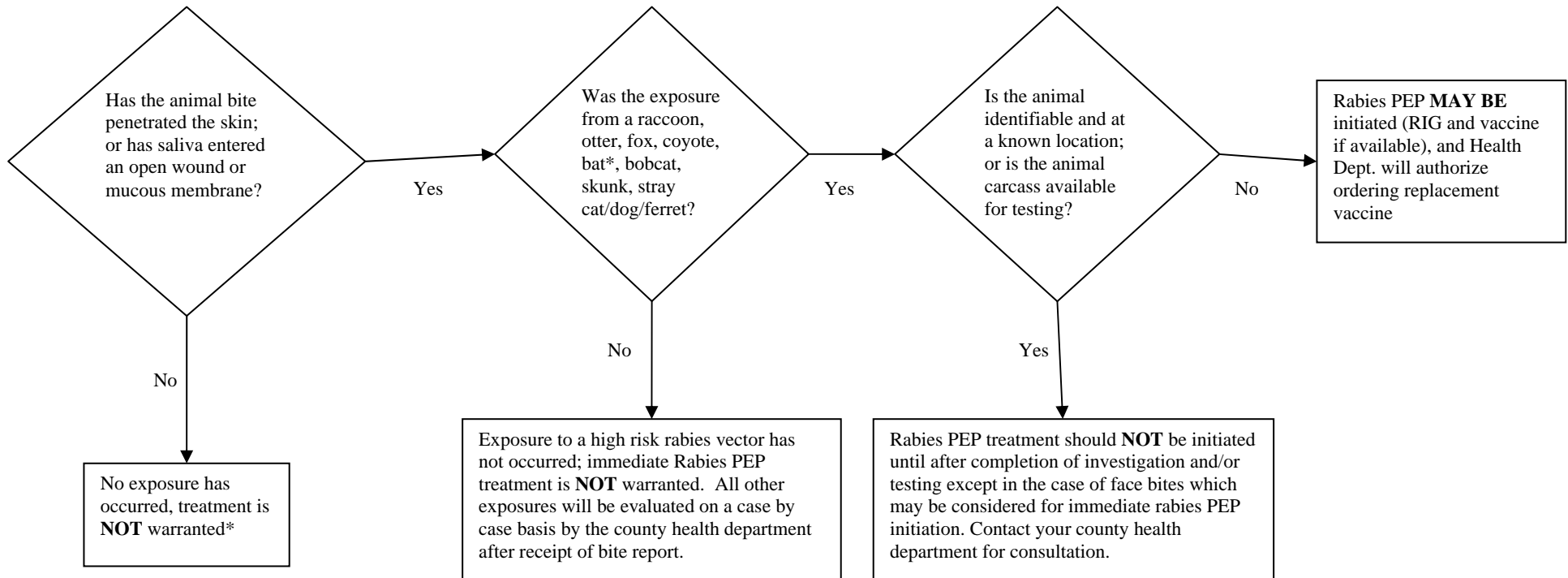


Evaluation of Animal Bites and Other Rabies Exposures for Appropriate Use of Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)



* Bat bites may be difficult to see. Please contact your county health department for consultation on suspected bat bite exposures.

- Wound care should be given according to standard practices whether PEP is recommended or not.
- All possible rabies exposures must be reported as per Florida Administrative Code Chapter 64D-3 to your local health department, regardless of treatment provided.
- Rabies PEP: **For persons NOT previously immunized** against rabies, human rabies immune globulin (HRIG) is given once (20 IU/kg) according to labeled directions. Four 1.0 ml doses of rabies vaccine should be administered IM, in the deltoid, one each on day 0, 3, 7, and 14. For **persons previously immunized against rabies**, *HRIG should not be given* and only two doses of vaccine administered IM, one on day 0 and one on day 3.
- Please consult "Rabies Prevention and Control in Florida, 2009" for more information. It can be found on the web at: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/community/rabies/Documents/Rabiesguide2008.pdf>