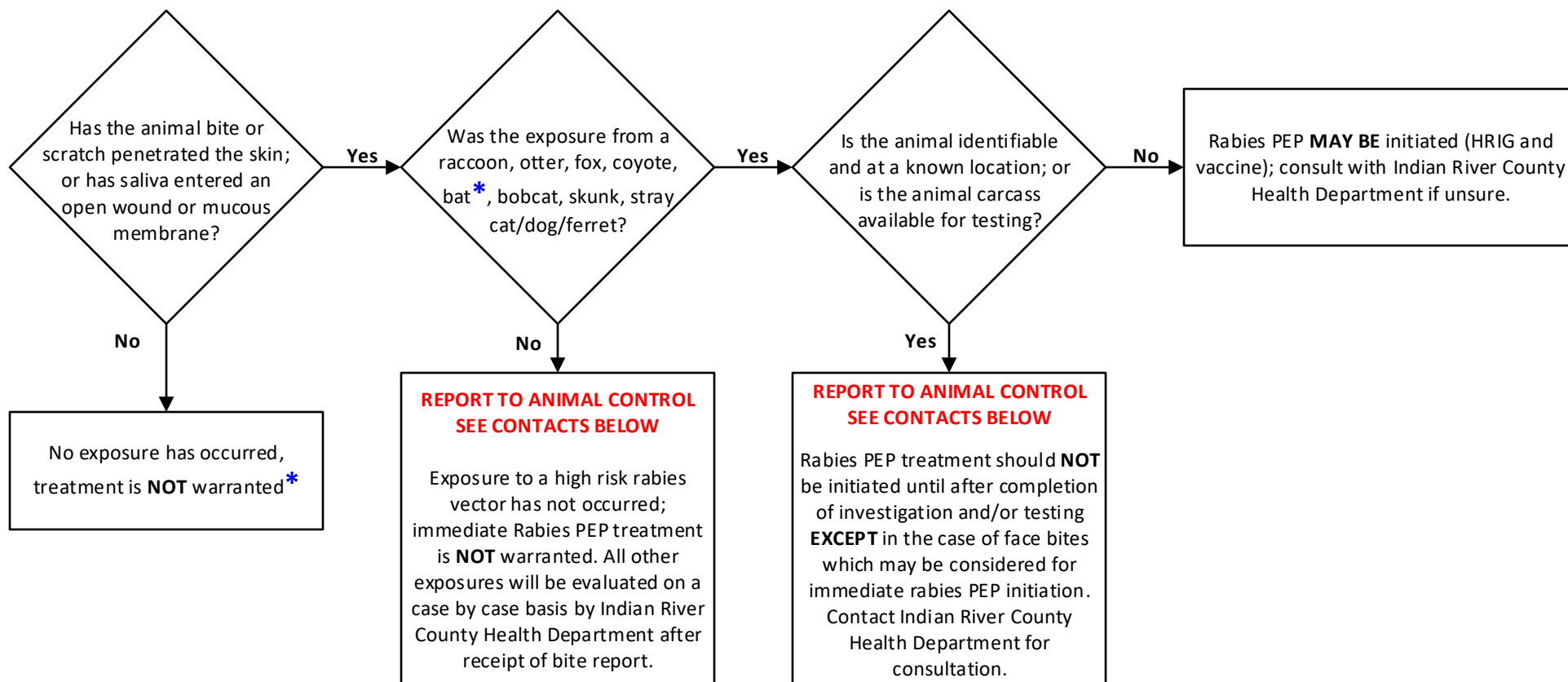


Animal Bite Reporting & Triage Guidance

Florida Department of Health in Indian River County

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* Bat bites may be difficult to see. Please contact Indian River County Health Department for consultation on suspected bat bite exposures (772-794-7472 (24/7)).

- Wound care should be given according to standard practices whether PEP is recommended or not.
- All possible rabies exposures must be reported per Florida Administrative Code Chapter 64D-3 to the 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. Gluteal administration of HRIG is **not** recommended except if exposure involved the gluteal area, due to suboptimal absorption. Four 1.0 ml doses of rabies vaccine should be administered IM, in the deltoid, on each on day 0, 3, 7, 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” for more information. It can be found on the web at: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/rabies/index.html>

Indian River County Animal Control
772-226-4799
772-978-6240 (after hours)

Indian River County Health Department
772-794-7472 (24/7)

City of Vero Beach Animal Control
772-978-4600

St. Lucie County Animal Control
772-465-5770
Ask for an Animal Safety Officer

Brevard County Animal Control
321-633-2024