

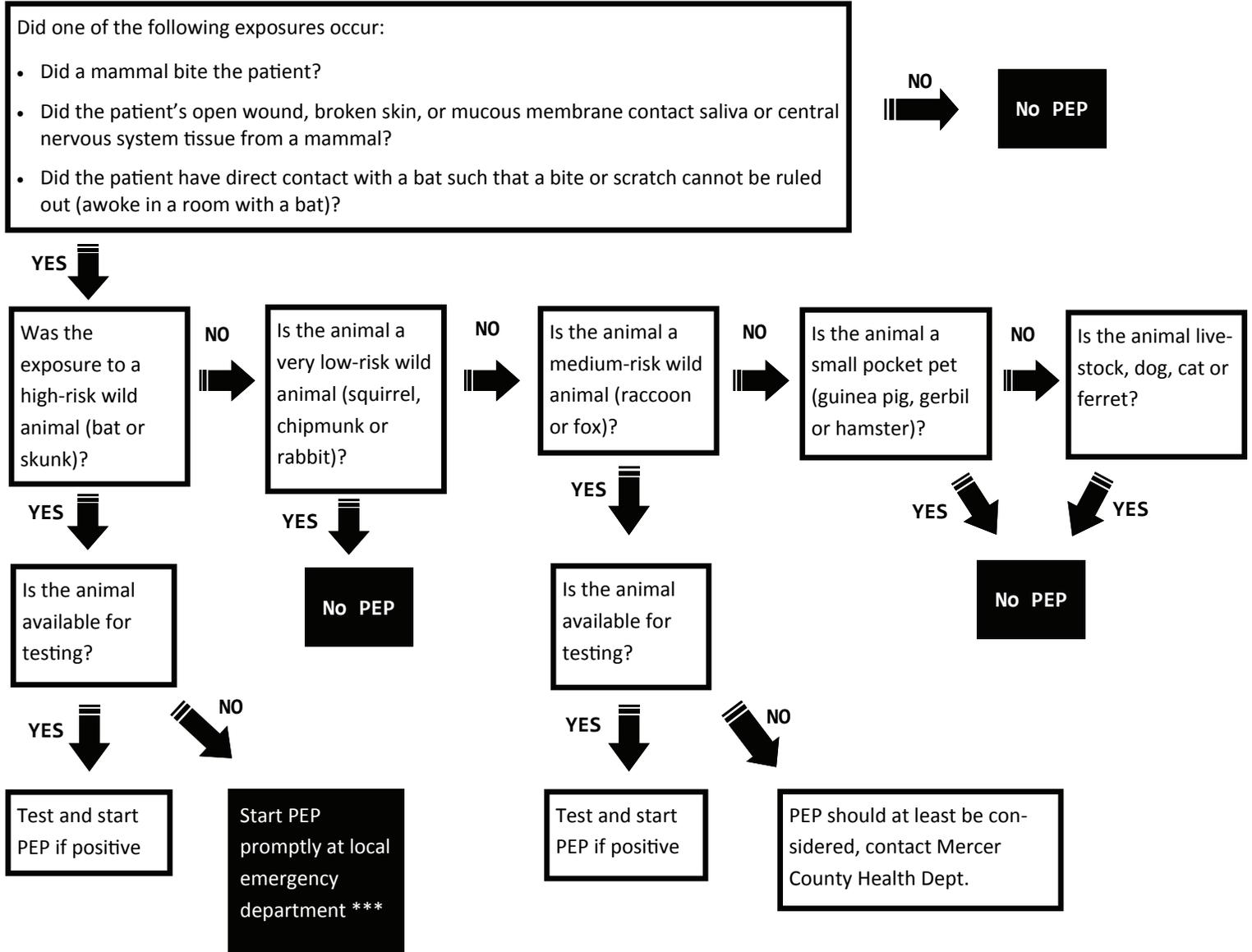
# MERCER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## Animal Bite Exposure Rating and Recommended Rabies Treatment Rationale



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In Kentucky, animal bites and administering rabies PEP are reportable to the local health department.



- \*\*\*PEP = rabies immune globulin: total dose is 20 Units/kg body weight; patient can then be referred to their primary care provider for vaccine administration (1ml, IM, 1 each on day 0, 3, 7, and 14).
- If you are referring a patient to another facility to complete the series please provide the patient with a prescription for the remaining vaccinations. Also, encourage the patient to check with their insurance company to find out where their insurance would be accepted for the treatment .
- Because some bat bites are so tiny, they are difficult to see. Any time a bat is found in the room of a sleeping person, in the room with an unattended child or near a mentally impaired or intoxicated person, seek medical advice and have the bat tested for rabies.
- Always administer a tetanus vaccine if no booster had been given in 10 years and perform appropriate wound cleaning. For additional information please visit: [http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/medical\\_care/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/medical_care/index.html)

This document was last reviewed on Sept 9, 2016 by state and local health officials familiar with the epidemiology of rabies in Kentucky.