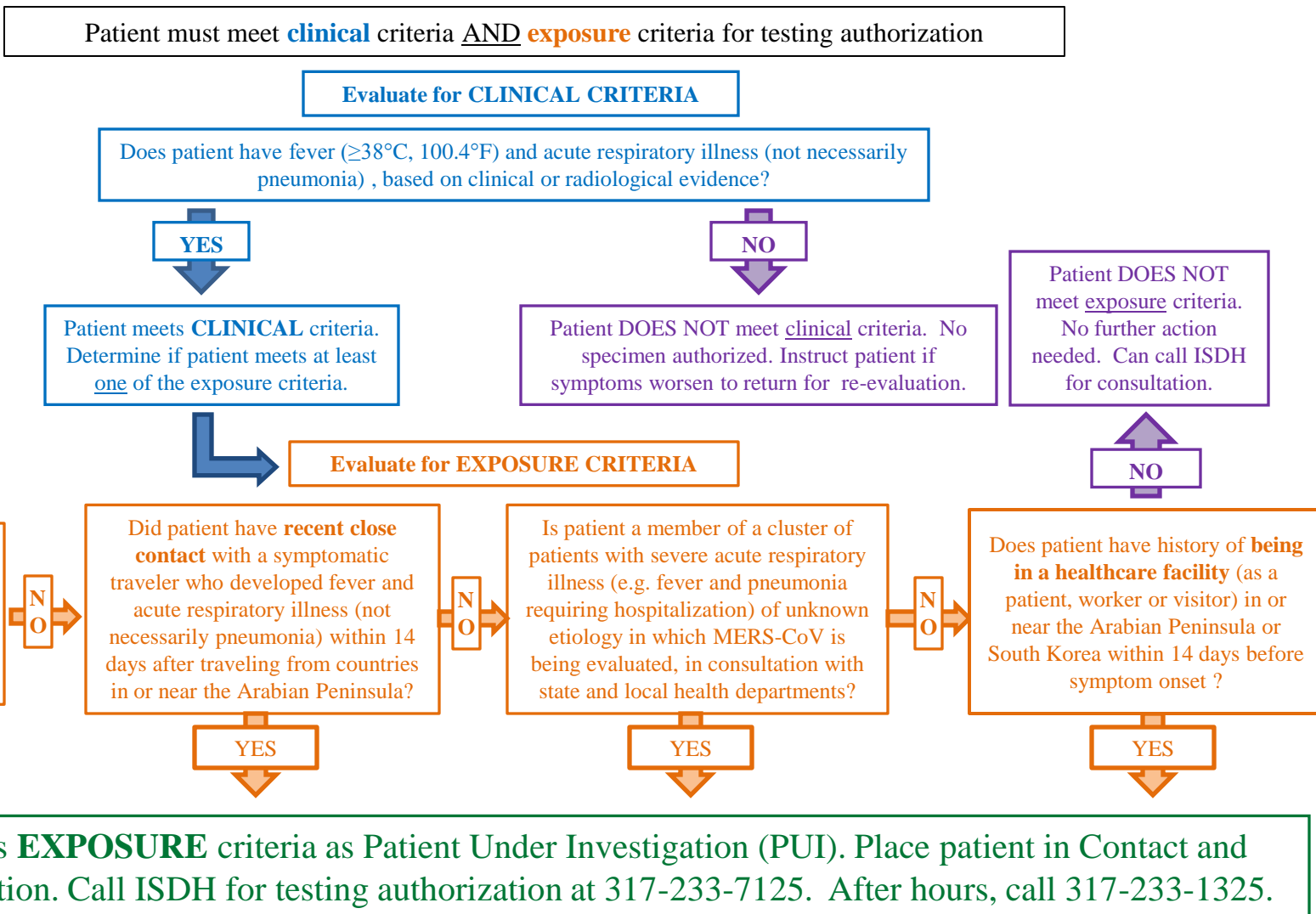


# Case Definition Flow Chart for Patients with Suspect MERS-CoV



**Countries considered in or near the Arabian Peninsula:** Bahrain, Iraq, Iran, Israel, West Bank and Gaza, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Yemen.

**Close contact** is defined as a) any person who provided care for the patient, including a healthcare worker or family member, or had similarly close physical contact; or b) any person who stayed at the same place (e.g. lived with, visited) as the patient while the patient was ill. Consult CDC website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for more information. At this time brief interactions, such as walking by a person , are considered low risk and does not constitute close contact.