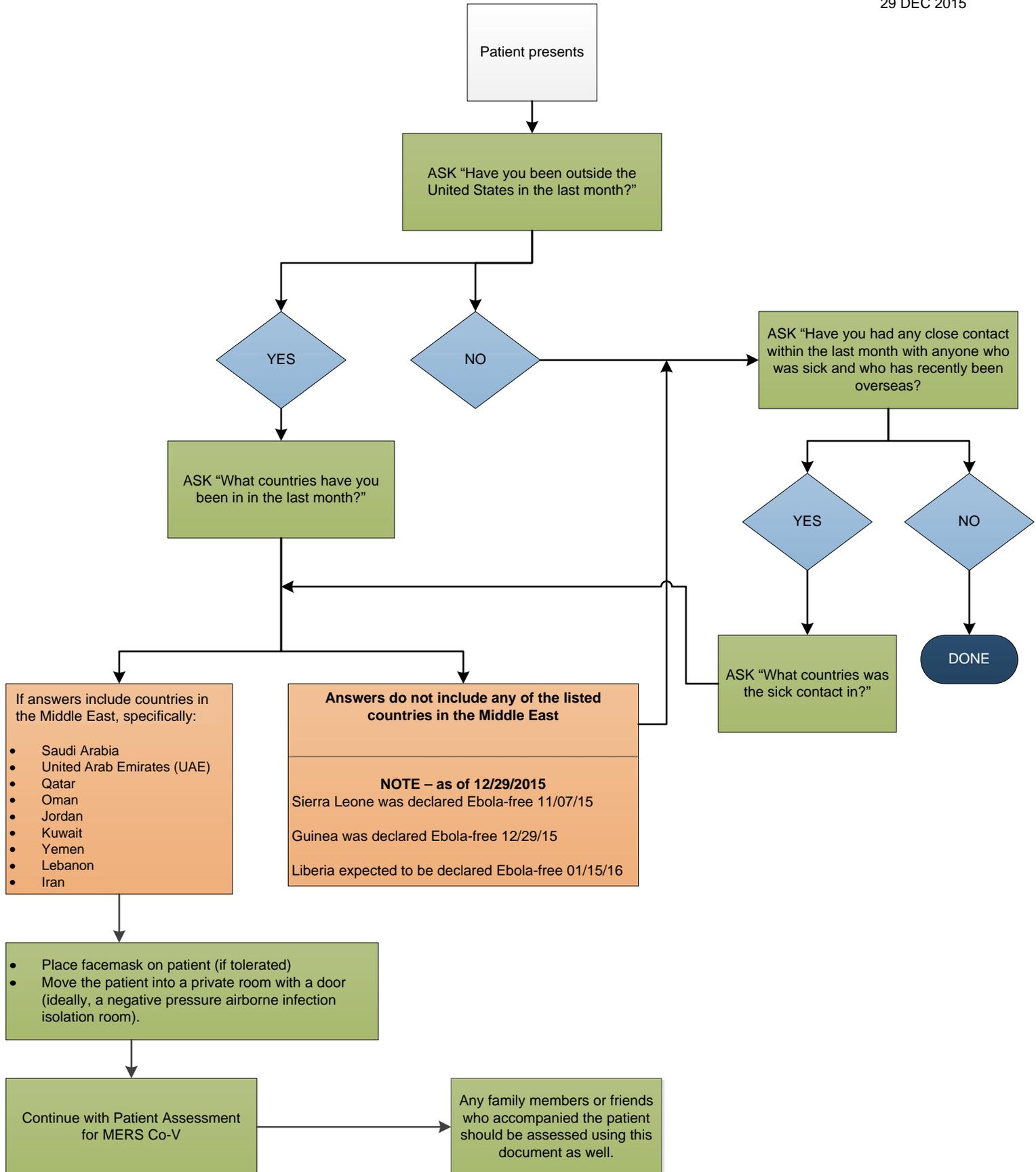


# Outpatient Facility Triage Guidance

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1. For an up-to-date list of MERS-CoV-affected countries, please see map here: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/index.html>  
 2. For an up-to-date list of Ebola-affected countries, please see map here: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/distribution-map.html>  
 To contact your regional or metro health department (<http://tn.gov/health/topic/localdepartments>) or contact TDH by calling 615-741-7247 (24/7)

# Outpatient Facility Patient Assessment for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)

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This guidance should be used in combination with the triage guidance document.

- Place facemask on patient (if tolerated) and move the patient into a private room with a door (ideally, a negative pressure airborne infection isolation room).
- Consider continuing the interview from outside the room (through cracked door/telephone/intercom/video-chat) to obtain details of travel and symptoms.

- Keep patient in isolation.
- If entering room, staff should wear gowns, gloves, face shield, and an N-95 or higher respirator.
- Ask the patient “Are or were you having a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other respiratory symptoms?”

YES

NO

DONE

Screen for MERS Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) Infection<sup>1</sup>

- **Obtain onset dates of symptoms.**
- **Obtain travel details:** include countries visited and exact dates of arrival/departure. Use travel documents (passport, itinerary, boarding passes) if available
- **Obtain exposure details:** Ask the patient about any known exposure to healthcare (e.g., healthcare worker, visit or admission to clinics, hospitals, emergency departments) or exposure to camels, camel milk, or camel meat.
- **For the diagnosis of MERS-CoV to be considered, person must have been in MERS-CoV affected country<sup>2</sup> or had contact with MERS patient within 14 days of symptom onset<sup>1</sup>**

**Contact** Infection Control & Public Health<sup>3</sup>, if patient was in MERS-CoV affected country<sup>2</sup> or had contact with MERS patient within 14 days of symptom onset<sup>1</sup>

If transport to alternate facility is recommended, **request travel documents** (passport, itinerary, boarding passes, etc.) be brought to facility for review

1. MERS-CoV screening tool and specimen submission form is available at: <https://tnhan.tn.gov/default.aspx>
2. For up to date info on MERS-CoV affected countries, please see map [here](#)
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