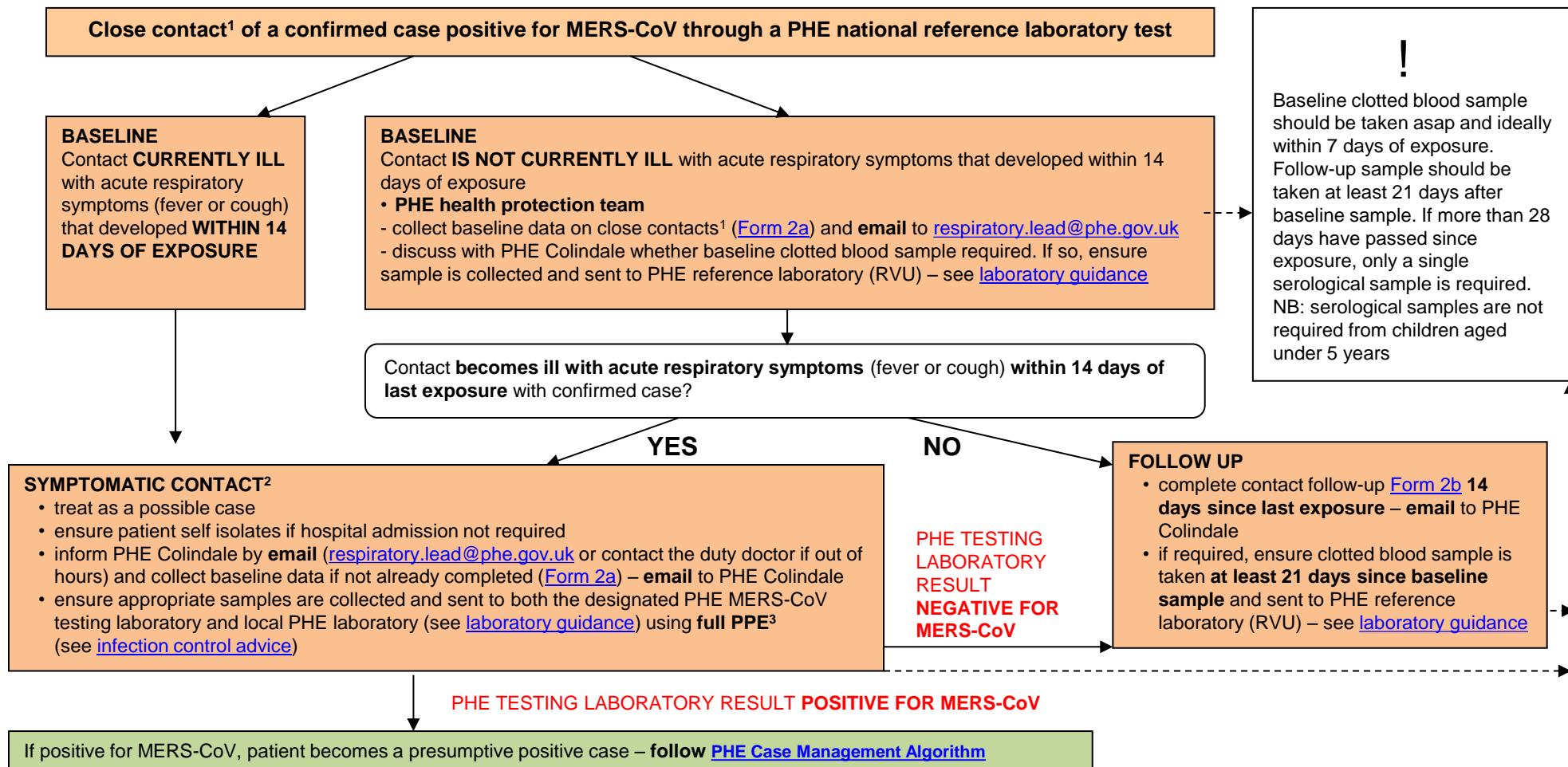


Investigation and public health management of close contacts of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) cases



¹ Close contact definition (from date of illness onset in index case and throughout their symptomatic period):

- any person who had prolonged face-to-face contact (>15 minutes) with a symptomatic confirmed case of MERS-CoV in a household or other closed setting
- health or social care worker who provided direct clinical or personal care or examination of a symptomatic confirmed case of MERS-CoV, or was within close vicinity of an aerosol generating procedure AND who was not wearing full personal protective equipment (PPE^{**}) at the time

² NB If there is no possibility of laboratory confirmation because the patient or samples are not available and the symptoms are not already explained by any other infection or aetiology, the symptomatic contact becomes a probable case (see [WHO interim recommendations](#) for further details)

³ Full PPE: correctly fitted high filtration respirator (FFP3), gown, gloves and eye protection