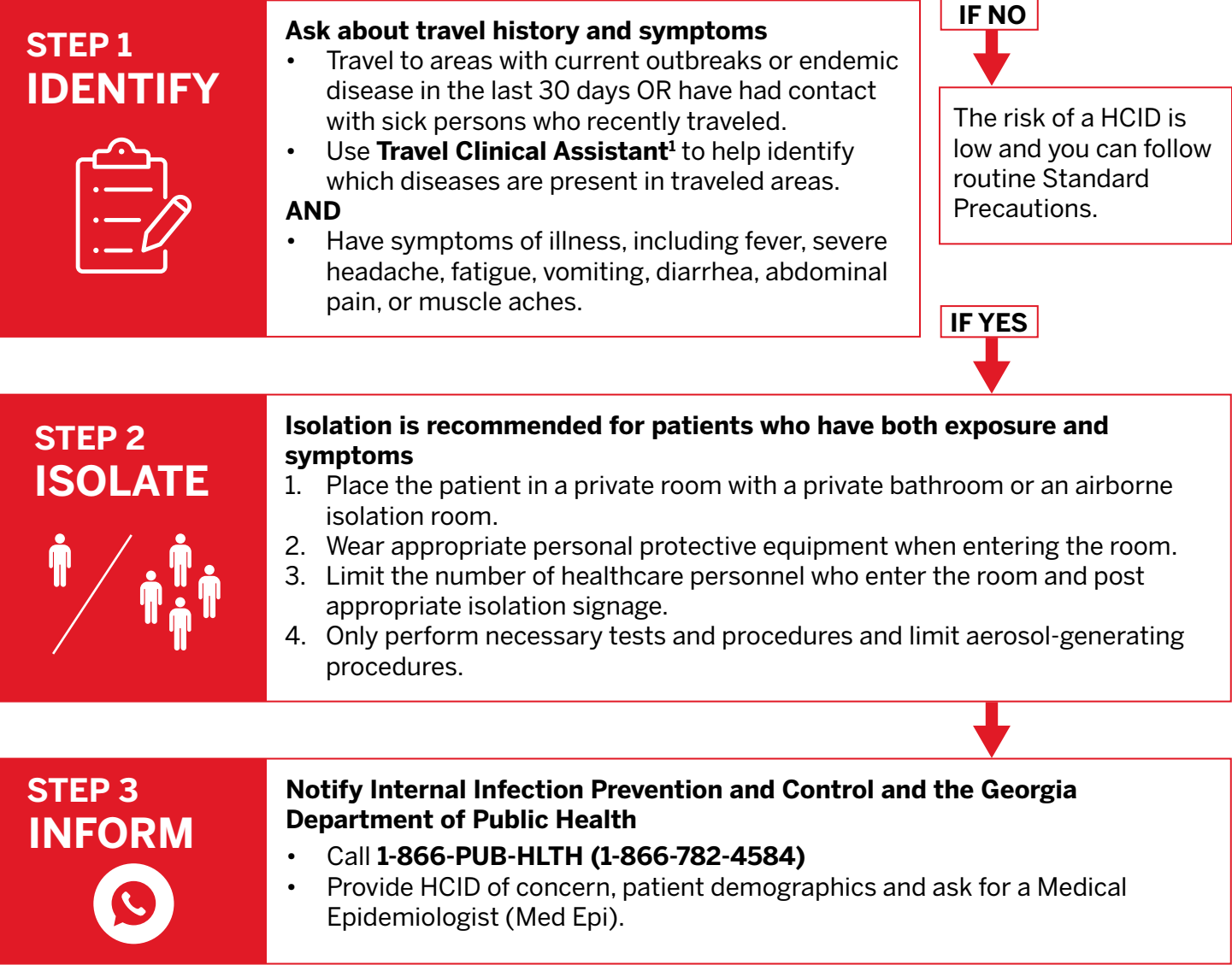


THINK HIGH CONSEQUENCE INFECTIOUS DISEASE (HCID)

Guidance for Early Recognition and Containment of HClDs



MED EPI

The Med Epi will perform a risk assessment once all required information is provided.

- If appropriate, the Med Epi will initiate **transportation to a Treatment or Assessment** facility.
- Transportation will be coordinated through the **Infectious Disease Transportation Network (IDTN)** and will depend on the type of suspected pathogen, patient condition, weather, location of the patient, and bed availability.
- Depending on the situation, a transportation unit may arrive at the facility anywhere from **4 to 24 hours after initiation** of transport by the Med Epi.
- Facilities should be prepared to **keep the patient isolated** while providing necessary care until transportation arrives.
- Facilities are responsible for **managing and disposing waste appropriately** if the patient is confirmed to have an HCID.

The Med Epi will need the following information:

- Patient demographics
- Travel history (specific travel dates & locations)
- Exposures (to sick contacts, funerals, animals, and/or visited healthcare facilities)
- Symptoms and progression of illness
- Any testing conducted
- Underlying health conditions

- Current medications?
- Vaccine history and prophylaxis taken (Malaria)
- Hospitalization plan (admitting, isolation or discharge)
- Additional information (preferred language, co-travelers, etc.)

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