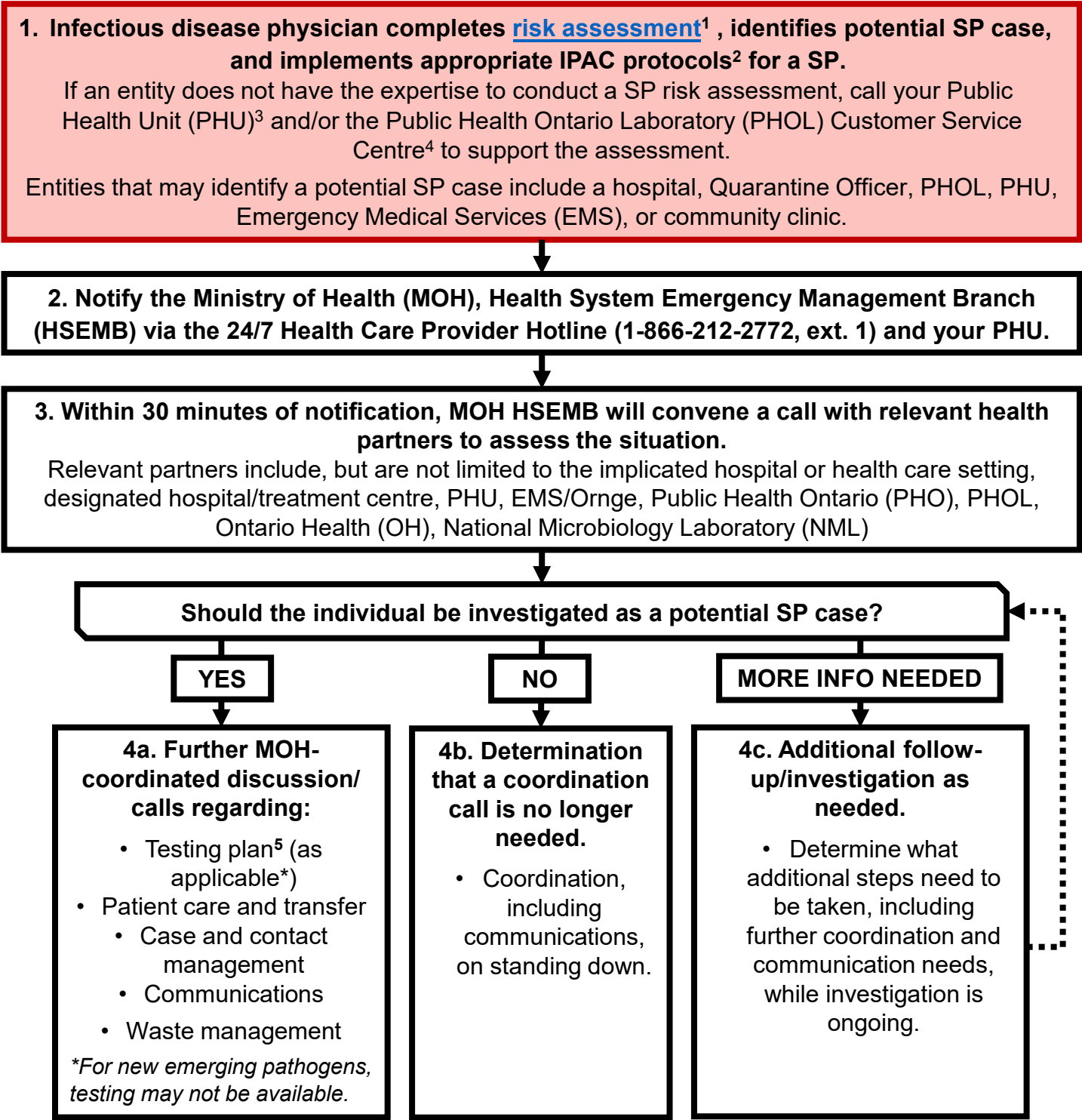


Notification Pathway for Special Pathogens

The following notification pathway is to be used when a potential special pathogen case is identified in a human.

A **special pathogen (SP)** is a term applied to encompass Risk Group 4 pathogens and unknown emerging pathogens that are highly infectious, involve human-to-human transmission, likely cause severe disease and high mortality, and when effective prevention and treatment measures may not be available.



Footnotes and Additional Resources

1. Public Health Ontario Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) Symptom and Exposure Risk Assessment Tool: [Viral Hemorrhagic Fever \(VHF\) Symptom and Exposure Risk Assessment](#)

2. Public Health Ontario IPAC Resources for Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Diseases-and-Conditions/Infectious-Diseases/Vector-Borne-Zoonotic-Diseases/Ebola>

3. Locate your Public Health Unit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/public-health-unit-locations>.

4. Public Health Ontario Laboratory Customer Service Centre: 416-235-6556/1-877-604-4567 during normal business hours; 416-605-3113 after-hours.

5. Public Health Ontario Diagnostic Serology for Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Laboratory-Services/Test-Information-Index/VHF-Diagnostic-Serology>

For Ministry of Health guidance regarding special pathogens, refer to:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-health-emergency-management-plans-and-strategies>.