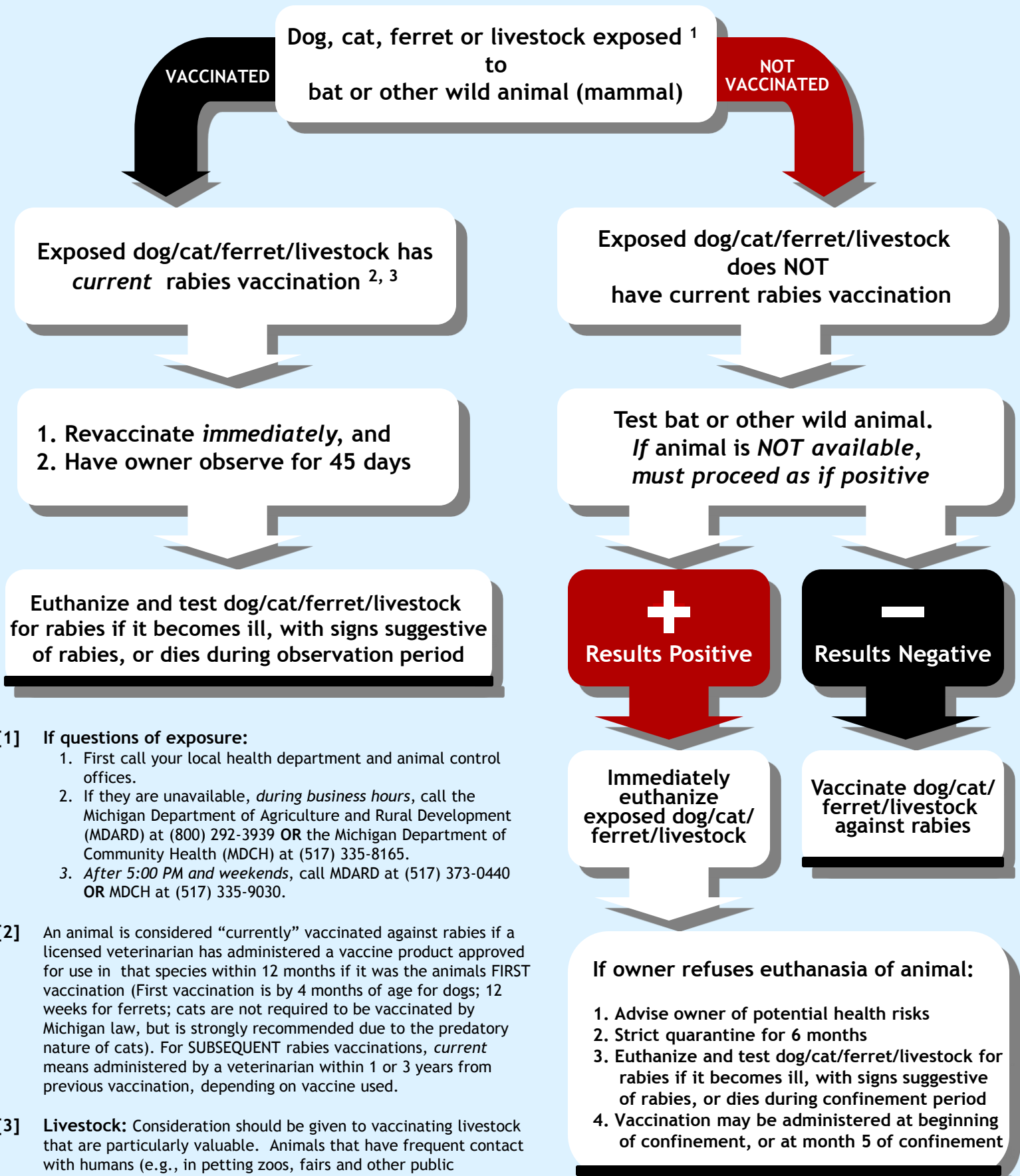


# PROTOCOL FOR DOGS, CATS, FERRETS, OR LIVESTOCK POSSIBLY EXPOSED TO RABIES



**[1] If questions of exposure:**

1. First call your local health department and animal control offices.
2. If they are unavailable, *during business hours*, call the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) at (800) 292-3939 OR the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) at (517) 335-8165.
3. *After 5:00 PM and weekends*, call MDARD at (517) 373-0440 OR MDCH at (517) 335-9030.

- [2]** An animal is considered “currently” vaccinated against rabies if a licensed veterinarian has administered a vaccine product approved for use in that species within 12 months if it was the animal's FIRST vaccination (First vaccination is by 4 months of age for dogs; 12 weeks for ferrets; cats are not required to be vaccinated by Michigan law, but is strongly recommended due to the predatory nature of cats). For SUBSEQUENT rabies vaccinations, *current* means administered by a veterinarian within 1 or 3 years from previous vaccination, depending on vaccine used.

- [3] Livestock:** Consideration should be given to vaccinating livestock that are particularly valuable. Animals that have frequent contact with humans (e.g., in petting zoos, fairs and other public exhibitions) and horses traveling interstate should be currently vaccinated.