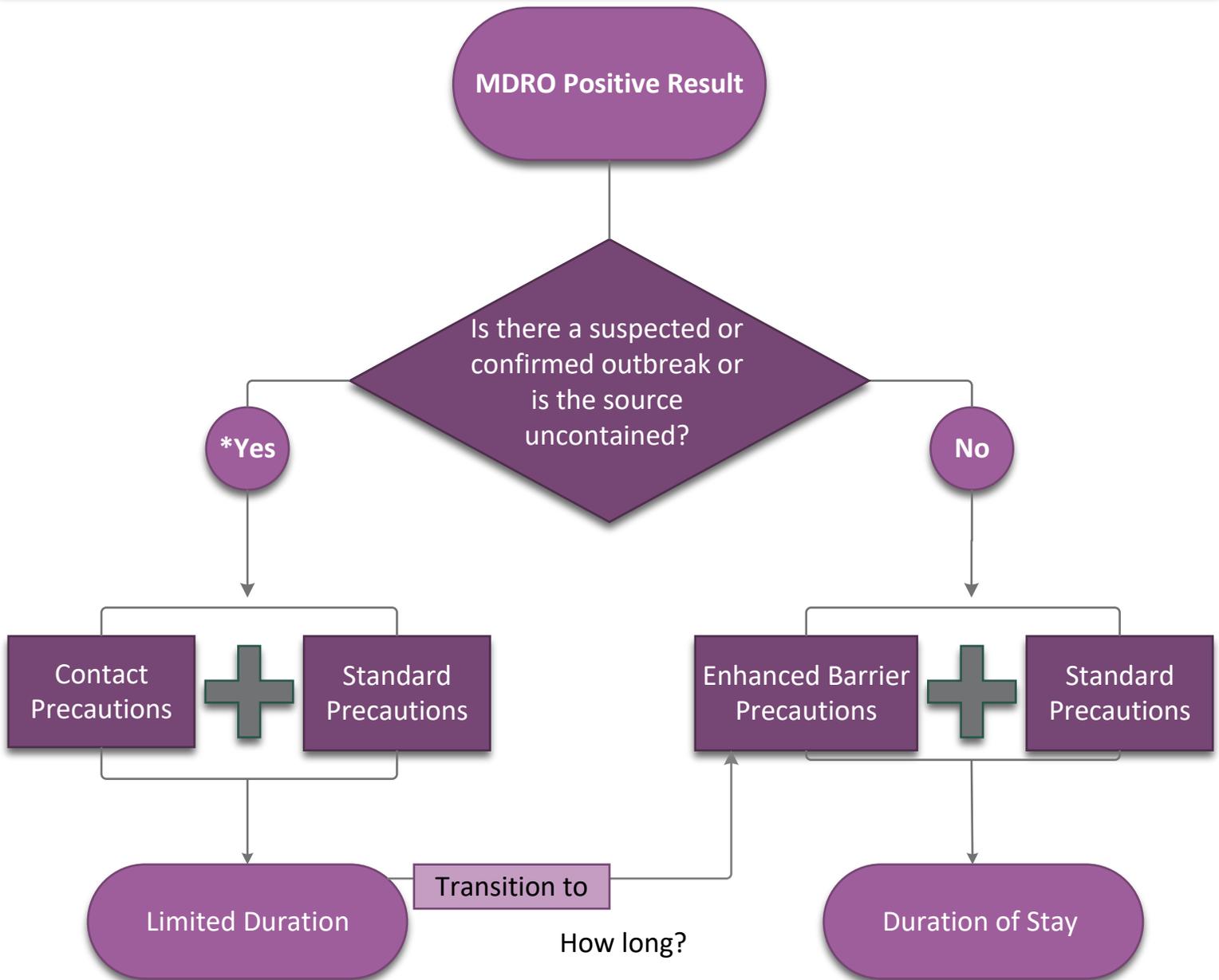


Transmission-Based Precautions for Nursing Homes

When a novel or targeted multidrug-resistant organism (MDRO) is identified, infection prevention precautions are critical to ensure patient/resident safety. Public health professionals and clinicians can use this decision tree to identify appropriate precautions to take following the identification of a novel or targeted MDRO in a nursing home.



*For most situations, Enhanced Barrier Precautions plus Standard Precautions is sufficient for nursing homes; however, whether Enhanced Barrier Precautions or Contact Precautions is considered may depend on the prevalence or incidence of the MDRO in the facility and region, whether an outbreak is confirmed or suspected, whether the source of infection is contained, and the experience of the facility with using Enhanced Barrier Precautions. Decisions regarding the use of practices to prevent the spread of MDROs can be determined in conjunction with public health.