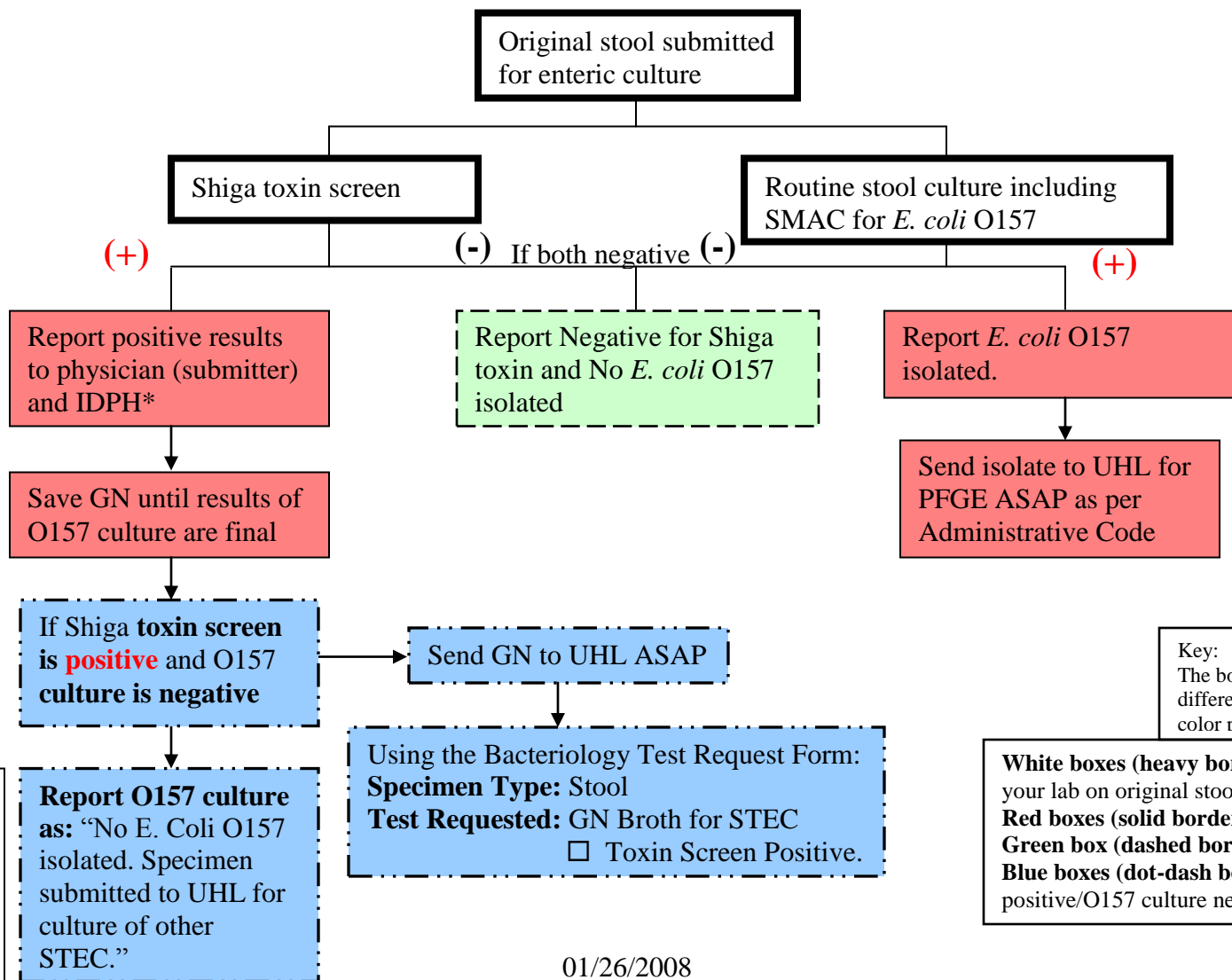


ATTENTION SUBMITTING LABS: Please follow the Algorithm that best suits your practice.

**Algorithm # 1
For Laboratories Performing Shiga toxin Screening AND O157 Culture**



* be clear that this result is a toxin screen only-not indicative of an isolated organism and that culture results will follow

Key:
The boxes are either in color or have different borders for those without a color printer

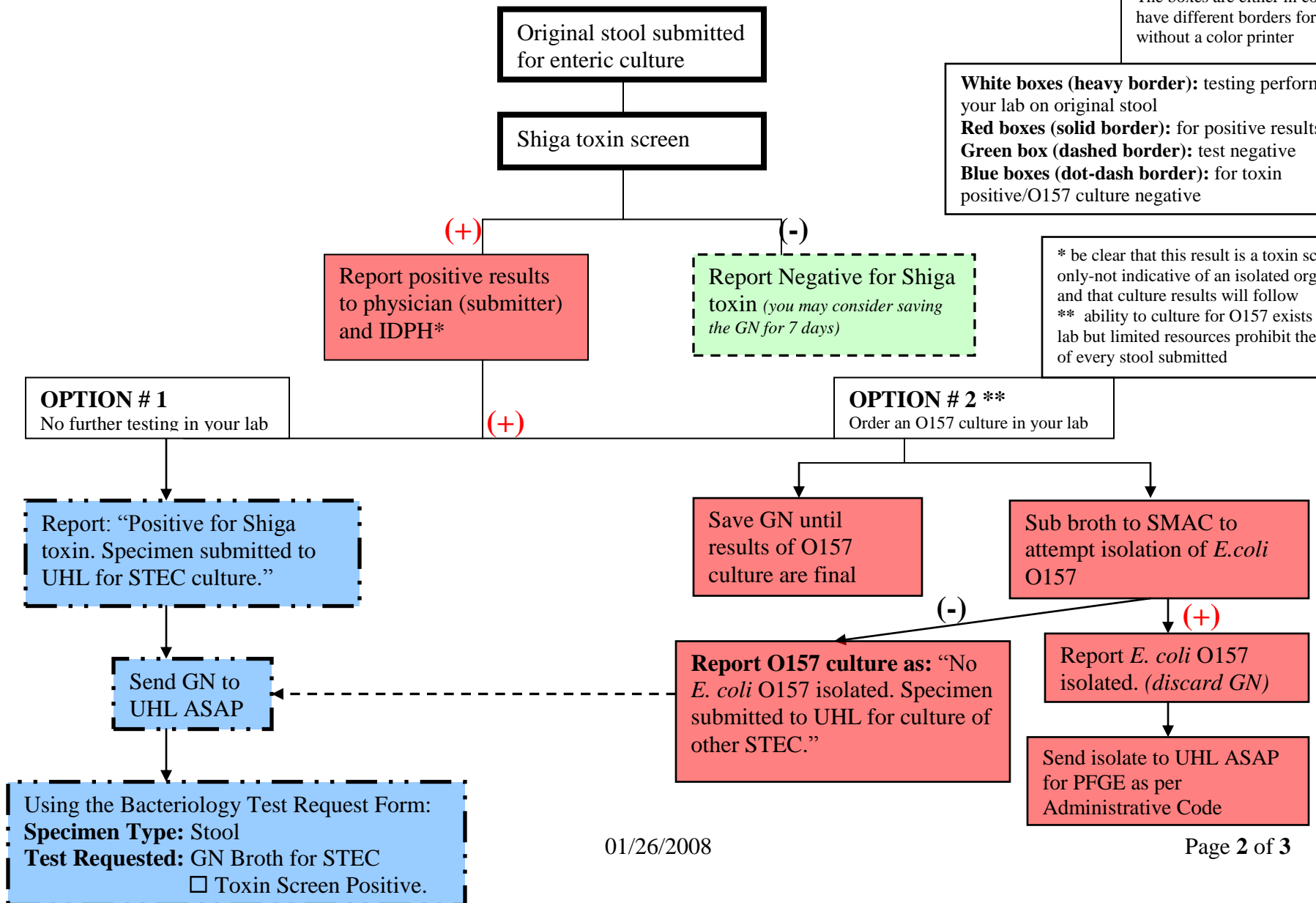
White boxes (heavy border): testing performed at your lab on original stool
Red boxes (solid border): for positive results
Green box (dashed border): for both tests negative
Blue boxes (dot-dash border): for toxin positive/O157 culture negative

Algorithm # 2
Algorithm for Laboratories Implementing Shiga toxin Screening Only

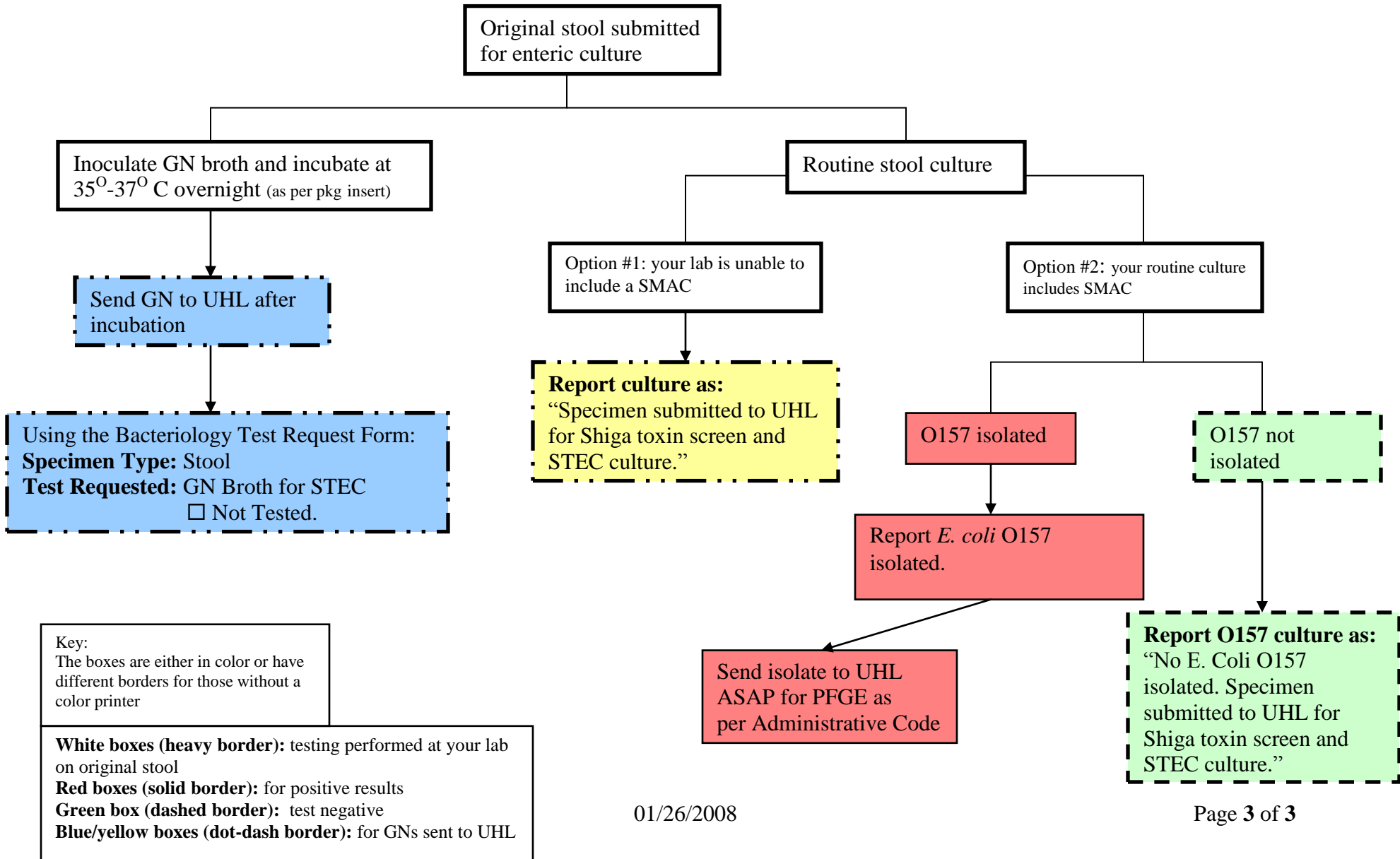
Key:
 The boxes are either in color or have different borders for those without a color printer

White boxes (heavy border): testing performed at your lab on original stool
Red boxes (solid border): for positive results
Green box (dashed border): test negative
Blue boxes (dot-dash border): for toxin positive/O157 culture negative

* be clear that this result is a toxin screen only-not indicative of an isolated organism and that culture results will follow
 ** ability to culture for O157 exists in your lab but limited resources prohibit the culture of every stool submitted



Algorithm #3
Algorithm for Laboratories Unable to Perform Shiga toxin Screening



Key:
 The boxes are either in color or have different borders for those without a color printer

White boxes (heavy border): testing performed at your lab on original stool
Red boxes (solid border): for positive results
Green box (dashed border): test negative
Blue/yellow boxes (dot-dash border): for GNs sent to UHL