



PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE
Zika Virus

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Columbus Public Health &
Franklin County Public Health

Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has compiled Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) testing recommendations for *Zika virus* into an algorithm to assist healthcare providers and local health departments in determining eligibility of patients for testing. Guidance on specimen collection and shipping is also detailed.

Contact the Franklin County & Columbus Infectious Disease Reporting System (IDRS) via phone at 614-525-8888 to ensure prompt processing of specimens.

***Zika Virus* Testing Recommendations**

http://idrsinfo.org/pdfs/Zika%20Virus%20Testing%20Recommendation_5.3.16.pdf

Patient Education Resources

The Zika Basics Card has been updated to reflect guidance for travelers that have visited a Zika-affected area to prevent mosquito bites for three weeks after returning home. This and other resources available at: <https://www.columbus.gov/publichealth/media/Zika-Educational-Materials/>



Local Zika Information

<https://www.columbus.gov/zika/>

Alerts & Advisories

<http://idrsinfo.org/>