



Health Advisory Update Zika

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What you need to know

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) now recommends that healthcare providers offer serologic testing to asymptomatic pregnant women who have traveled to areas with ongoing *Zika Virus* transmission.

Because of the potential for sexual transmission of *Zika Virus*, men who live in or have traveled to Zika affected areas and have a pregnant partner should abstain from sexual activity or consistently and correctly use condoms during sex for the duration of the pregnancy.

Further updates will be shared as significant developments occur and new guidance becomes available.

What to watch for

Patients with acute onset of fever, maculopapular rash, arthralgia or conjunctivitis within 2 weeks of travel to an endemic area.

Pregnant women with history of recent travel to Zika affected areas.

What you can do

Offer serologic testing to pregnant women within 2-12 weeks of return from travel to Zika affected areas.

Counsel men who live in or have traveled to Zika affected areas and have a pregnant partner to abstain from sexual activity or consistently and correctly use condoms during sex for the duration of the pregnancy.

Counsel patients planning travel to endemic areas about prevention of mosquito bites
<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/fs-posters/index.html>.

Recommend that pregnant women and women planning to become pregnant not travel to areas with active *Zika Virus* transmission.

Evaluate infants of women with *Zika Virus* infection during pregnancy for possible congenital infection & neurologic abnormalities.

Report suspected cases of *Zika Virus* infection as soon as possible to Infectious Disease Reporting System (IDRS) via phone at 614.525.8888 to expedite submission of specimens to Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Laboratory for testing at Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). Detailed guidance about specimen collection will be provided when the case is reported to public health.

Who is at risk

Travelers to areas endemic to *Zika Virus* may be exposed through mosquito bites.

Pregnant women with *Zika Virus* infection may give birth to infants with congenital infection and neurologic abnormalities including microcephaly.

Testing Information

Procedures and more information on testing in Ohio to follow.

To learn more

Zika Virus
<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

Guidelines for Healthcare Providers Caring for Pregnant Women & Women of Reproductive Age with Possible *Zika Virus* Exposure\
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6505e2.htm>

Guidelines for Prevention of Sexual Transmission of *Zika Virus*
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6505e1.htm>

Infectious Disease Reporting System
<http://idrsinfo.org>

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