

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Dear Prenatal Providers:

The Department of Health is currently investigating possible non-travel related cases of Zika virus disease in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. We must remain vigilant and increase our level of questioning when considering Zika virus disease. **Remember to identify, test and inform.** Please contact your county health department (CHDs) immediately if you suspect a patient has Zika fever (per rule 64D-3.029, Florida Administrative Code), to ensure prompt mosquito control efforts.

Mosquito repellent, and other materials (see attachment) to prevent Zika transmission will be distributed from the CHDs to OB/GYNs, midwives and other providers consulting with pregnant women living or working in the areas where we are conducting our investigations. Please consider prioritizing distribution of kits to the following women:

- Women who have traveled or have partners who have traveled to a Zika-affected country
- Women who may not have screens on their windows or doors
- Women who may not easily receive messages to “drain and cover”

Included with this letter are:

- CDC Interim Guidelines for Pregnant Women During a Zika Virus Outbreak—United States, 2016 MMWR
- Zika virus one-pager for clinicians focusing on diagnosis and testing
- Zika virus one-pager for obstetricians focusing on prevention
- Mosquito bite prevention information for travelers in English and Spanish

This is an evolving situation and the Department will provide updated guidance to ACOG, local hospitals and other providers as available. Additional resources you may find useful:

- Current Zika virus information from CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika>
- Florida mosquito-borne disease information including weekly surveillance reports: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/index.html>
- Contact information for county and state DOH: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/disease-reporting-and-management/index.html>

Please share this information with any relevant partners. The department’s CHDs and Bureau of Epidemiology are available to assist you with questions about Zika virus testing protocols and sample submission requests. Thank for your important role in caring for our residents and visitors.

Respectfully,

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