

# Zika Virus FAQ and Resources

This document contains FAQ, links and resources directing providers to information concerning the Zika virus.

## **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):**

- Guidance for providers: Visit <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/index.html">http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/index.html</a>.
- Travel health notices: Visit http://www.cdc.gov/travel/page/avoid-bug-bites.
- Zika Pregnancy Registry: To contact, call 1-770-488-7100 and email ZikaMCH@cdc.gov or ZikaPregnancy@cdc.gov.

#### CDC resources/FAQ:

- What is Zika Virus? (About Zika virus disease): http://www.cdc.gov/zika/about/index.html
- Zika and Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) includes:
  - Symptoms of GBS.
  - Causes of GBS.
    - Additional resources: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/zika/healtheffects/gbs-qa.html">https://www.cdc.gov/zika/healtheffects/gbs-qa.html</a>
- Prevention includes:
  - Details discovered about the Zika virus.
  - Steps to prevent mosquito bites.
  - Cautions against spreading the disease if you have Zika.
  - Experiences living in or traveling to an area with Zika.
  - o Concerns of getting Zika from a sex partner.
  - Information for travelers.
    - Additional resources: http://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/index.html
- Transmission and risks include:
  - Transmission through mosquito bites.
  - Transmission from mother to child.
  - Transmission through sexual contact.
  - Transmission through blood transfusion.
  - Transmission through laboratory exposure.
  - o Exposure to other risks.
    - Additional resources:

https://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/transmission-methods.html

- Symptoms, diagnosis and treatment: http://www.cdc.gov/zika/symptoms/index.html
- Areas with Zika include:
  - Locations with active mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus: http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html
- Zika virus disease in the United States in 2015 to 2016:

https://www.cdc.gov/zika/reporting/case-counts.html

- Information on pregnant women includes:
  - Zika and pregnancy.
  - Protection from the virus.
  - Travel information.
  - Microcephaly.

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 The U.S. Zika Pregnancy Registry: https://www.cdc.gov/pregnancy/zika/research/registry.html.

## • Health care provider information includes:

- Clinical guidance.
- Clinical evaluation and disease.
- Diagnostic testing.
- o The U.S. Zika Pregnancy Registry.
- o Tools for health care providers.
- HIV infection and the Zika virus.
- o Pregnant women and women of reproductive age.
- Infants and the Zika virus infection.
- Sexual transmission of the Zika virus.
  - Additional information: https://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers

## • Zika pregnancy registry:

 Information can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/pregnancy/zika/research/registry.html.

## Obstetric health care providers can:

- Report information about pregnant women with laboratory evidence of the Zika virus to their district, tribal, local or territorial health department.
- Collect pertinent clinical information about pregnant women and their infants from the Pregnancy and Zika Virus Disease Surveillance forms.
- Provide the information to state, tribal, local or territorial health departments or directly to CDC registry staff if asked to do so by local health officials.
- Notify district, tribal, local or territorial health department staff or CDC registry staff of adverse events (for example, spontaneous abortion or termination of pregnancy).

If you have questions about the *Zika Pregnancy Registry*, email ZikaMCH@cdc.gov or call 770-488-7100 and ask for the Zika Pregnancy Hotline.

#### **Additional resources:**

- National Institutes of Health: https://www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics/zika
- World Health Organization
- Zika (World Health Organization) app: source of real-time and easy-to-use information on the disease/its complications — designed primarily for health care providers and responders (iOS or Android devices)
- Zika Virus Fact Sheet: <a href="http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/zika/en">http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/zika/en</a> and <a href="http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/zika/en">http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/zika/en</a>
- CDC recommendations for pregnant women: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/protect-yourself.html</u>
- LiveHealth Online® Zika health tips: <a href="https://www.livehealthonline.com/en/health-tips/categories/fact-or-fiction/5-things-you-need-to-know-about-zika-virus">https://www.livehealthonline.com/en/health-tips/categories/fact-or-fiction/5-things-you-need-to-know-about-zika-virus</a>

#### **Publications regarding Zika:**

• Practice Advisory: *Updated Interim Guidance for Care of Women of Reproductive Age During a Zika Virus Outbreak*, <a href="https://www.acog.org">https://www.acog.org</a>, SMFM/ACOG.

- Zika Virus and Birth Defects Reviewing the Evidence for Causality: CDC special report, April 13, 2016, <a href="http://www.nejm.org">http://www.nejm.org</a>.
- Zika Virus. Petersen, LR. N England Journal of Medicine 2016; 374:1552-63.