



## CDC Zika IMS Jurisdiction and Partner Sustainment Strategy

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# OVERVIEW

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- Task Force Presentations
- Closing Remarks

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<b>Laboratory Task Force</b> <b>Eddie Ades, Robert Lanciotti, Christy Ottendorfer</b>	Wed 3/15/2017 / 2pm–3pm EDT - Domestic Wed 3/15/2017 / 5 pm–6 pm EDT - Islands Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Joint Information Center/Communications</b> <b>Erin Connelly</b>	Wed 3/22/2017 / 2pm–3pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Epidemiology Task Force</b> <b>Stacey Martin, Carolyn Gould</b>	Thurs 3/23/2017 / 2pm–3pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Vector Issues Team</b> <b>Janet McAllister, Audrey Lenhart</b>	Tues 3/28/2017 / 2pm–3pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Policy and Partnerships</b> <b>Sue Visser, Melody Stevens</b>	Wed 3/29/2017 / 1:30pm–2:30pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Pregnancy and Birth Defects Task Force (including surveillance)</b> <b>Peggy Honein, Dana Meaney-Delman, Suzanne Gilboa</b>	Wed 3/29/2017 / 3pm–4pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Blood Safety Task Force</b> <b>Sustainment Strategy Discussions</b> <b>Koo Chung, Matt Kuhnert, Craig Hooper</b>	Thurs 3/30/2017 / 2pm–3pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Medical Investigations Team</b> <b>Sustainment Strategy Discussions</b> <b>Maleeka Glover</b>	Thurs 3/30/2017 / 3:30pm–4:30pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430

# Speakers for the March 1<sup>st</sup> “Sustaining the Zika Response in 2017” Presentations

Epidemiology Task Force - **Carolyn Gould**

Pregnancy and Birth Defects Task Force - **Peggy Honein/Dana Meaney-Delman**

Laboratory Task Force - **Eddie Ades/Wendi Kuhnert-Tallman**

Blood Safety Task Force - **Koo-Whang Chung**

Medical Investigations Team - **Maleeka Glover**

Joint Information Center - **Erin Connelly**

Policy & Partnerships - **Sue Visser/Melody Stevens**

Vector Issues Task Force – **John-Paul Mutebi**

# Epidemiology Task Force

# Zika virus in the United States

- From 2007–2014, 14 Zika virus disease cases identified in US travelers
- With recent outbreaks in the Americas, cases among US travelers increased substantially
- Limited local mosquito-borne transmission identified in two states (Florida and Texas)
- Outbreaks in three US territories (Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, and American Samoa)

## Laboratory-confirmed Zika virus disease cases reported to ArboNET by states or territories — United States, 2015–2017 (as of Feb 15, 2017)

	<b>States N=5,040</b>		<b>Territories N=37,023</b>	
Travel-associated	4,748	(94%)	141	(<1%)
Locally acquired	220	(4%)	36,882	(99%)
Other routes*	72	(1%)	0	(0%)

\*Includes sexual transmission (n=44), congenital infection (n=26), laboratory transmission (n=1), and person-to-person through an unknown route (n=1)

# State of residence for reported Zika virus disease and presumptive viremic blood donor cases — U.S. states, 2015–2017 (as of Feb 15, 2017)

State	Symptomatic disease cases (N=5,040)	Presumptive viremic blood donor† (N=36)
New York	1,020 (21%)	2 (6%)
Florida	1,069* (21%)	24 (67%)
California	420 (9%)	5 (14%)
Texas	306* (6%)	3 (8%)
New Jersey	176 (4%)	0 (0%)
Pennsylvania	173 (4%)	0 (0%)
Maryland	130 (3%)	0 (0%)

† People who reported no symptoms at the time of donating blood, but whose blood tested positive when screened for the presence of Zika virus RNA by the blood collection agency. Some presumptive viremic blood donors develop symptoms after their donation or may have had symptoms in the past. These individuals may be reported as both Zika virus disease cases and presumptive viremic blood donors.

\* Include 210 cases in FL and 6 cases in TX acquired through presumed local mosquito-borne transmission

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/united-states.html>

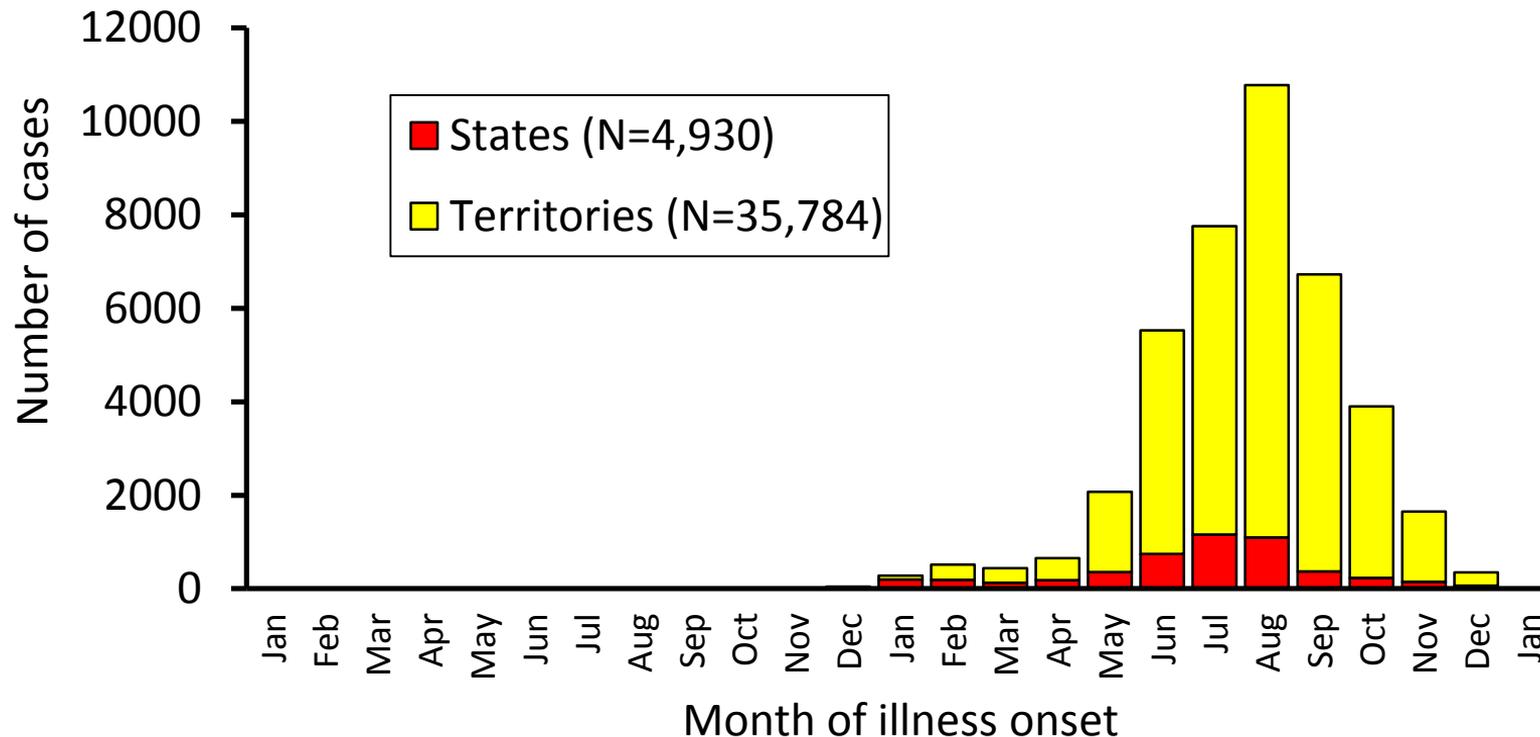


# Reported Zika virus disease and presumptive viremic blood donor cases — U.S. territories, 2015–2017 (as of Feb 15, 2017)

Territory	Symptomatic disease cases (N=37,023)	Presumptive viremic blood donor <sup>†</sup> (N=318)
Puerto Rico	35,930 (97%)	318 (100%)
US Virgin Islands	973 (3%)	0 (0%)
American Samoa	120 (<1%)	0 (0%)

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# Month of illness onset for Zika virus disease cases — US states and territories, 2015–2017 (as of Jan 25, 2017)



# Objectives of Zika virus surveillance in the United States

- Quantify and describe disease burden
- Identify and define areas with local mosquito-borne transmission
- Direct prevention and control efforts
- Identify and monitor infections in people at risk for poor outcomes

# Continued reporting of Zika virus diseases cases

- Zika virus disease and infection are nationally notifiable
  - CSTE updated case definitions in 7/2016\*
    - Includes non-congenital and congenital infection and disease
- Healthcare providers should continue to report suspected cases to their state or local health department
- State health departments should continue to report laboratory-confirmed cases to CDC according to CSTE case definitions
- Timely reporting allows health departments to assess and reduce the risk of local transmission or mitigate further spread

[\\*http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/2016PS/16\\_ID\\_01\\_edited7.29.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/2016PS/16_ID_01_edited7.29.pdf)

# Surveillance strategies to identify possible local transmission during mosquito season

- Survey household members and neighbors of travel-associated cases
- Monitor blood donor screening
- Investigate unusual clusters of rash illness in areas at high risk
- Expand testing for people with no known exposure but more specific constellation of clinical findings
  - For example: patient with fever, rash, and conjunctivitis in area with known vector mosquitoes

# Preparing for next season

- Reassess risk areas, populations, and timing
- Continue to educate healthcare providers and local public health officials about Zika virus
- Reassess public health laboratory testing and surge capacity
- Revisit testing capacity and reporting with commercial laboratories
- Update response plans with mosquito control districts
- Continue to coordinate with blood collection agencies

# Ongoing challenges for the next season

- Optimal and cost effective approaches to identifying local transmission
- Surveillance strategies for determining extent of local transmission
- Defining travel exposure risk (e.g., border region)
- Identifying likely exposure location of confirmed cases
- Diagnostic issues – cross-reactivity, false positives
  - Differential diagnosis may require testing for other pathogens
- Communicating risk and delineation of risk areas
- Timely and appropriate travel and testing guidance
- Correlating human risks with vector surveillance data

# Pregnancy and Birth Defects Task Force

# What have we learned?

Established that **Zika is a cause** of microcephaly, serious brain defects, and is linked to potentially other birth defects

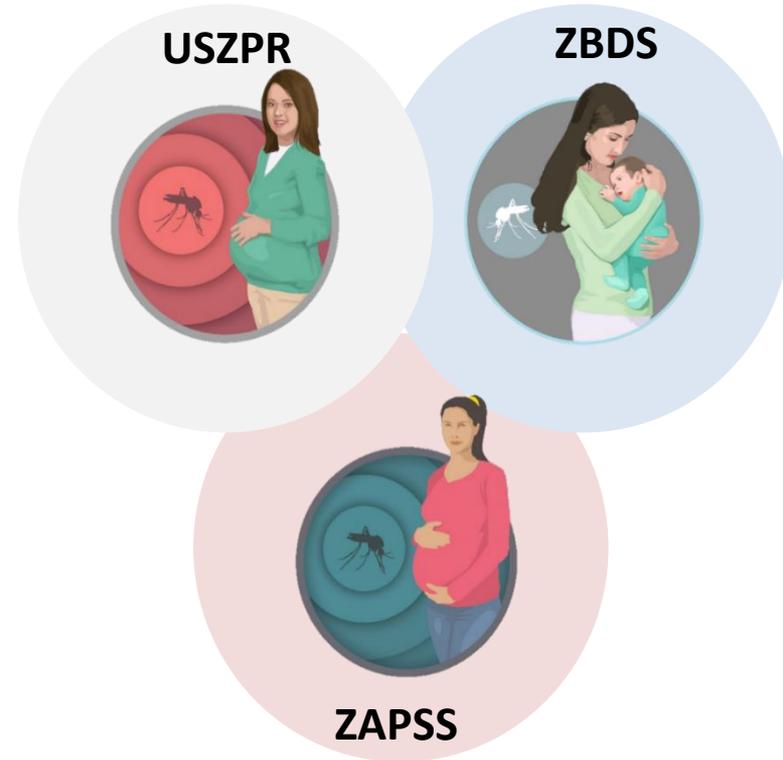
Estimated that among pregnancies with evidence of Zika infection in the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester, **about 11%** of fetuses and infants had birth defects

Recognized pattern of birth defects associated with Zika virus infection called **congenital Zika syndrome**

Identified that Zika infections during the **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester** have been associated with birth defects

# What do we hope to learn in the next year?

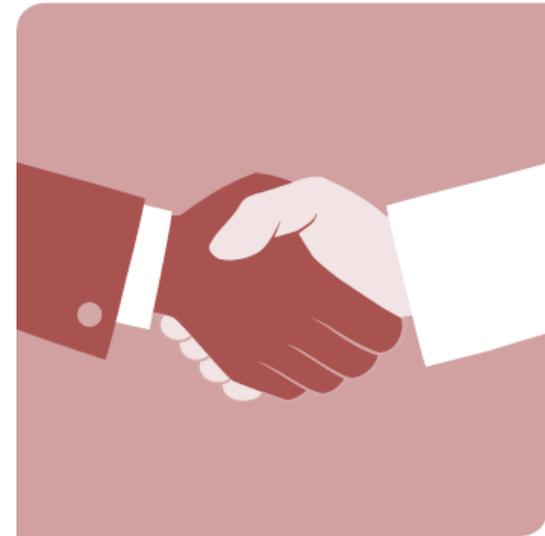
- Identify full range of health effects among infants with congenital Zika exposure
- Determine optimal Zika virus testing to identify infants with congenital Zika virus infection
- Understand how neuroimaging will help identify infants with adverse effects of congenital Zika infection
- Understand implications of Zika RNA persistence in pregnant women and infants
- Assess risk of other adverse outcomes associated with Zika infection during pregnancy
- Use data to inform clinical management of pregnant women with Zika



# What worked?

## Successful Partnerships

- CDC collaborated with state and local jurisdictions on travel and testing guidance of pregnant women for Health Alert Network (HAN) notices
- Deployed pregnancy and birth defects expert as part of the CDC Emergency Response Team
- Partnered with state and local jurisdictions and local chapters of clinical partner organizations to increase outreach to healthcare providers



# What worked?

## Development of Clinical Tools and Guidance

Pregnancy & Zika Testing 

CDC's top priority for the public health response to Zika is to protect pregnant women because of the risks associated with Zika virus infection during pregnancy.

Recently, CDC updated its interim guidance for healthcare providers caring for pregnant women with possible Zika virus exposure. This web tool is intended to help healthcare providers apply the updated recommendations for Zika virus testing, interpretation of results, and clinical management for a pregnant woman with possible exposure to Zika virus.

- This tool is intended for healthcare providers and public health officials in the United States.
- CDC continues to evaluate all available evidence and will update recommendations as new information becomes available.

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Zika Pregnancy Testing Algorithm

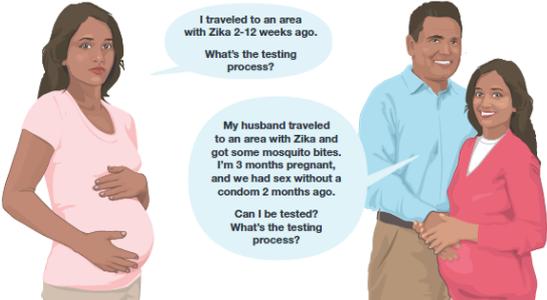
CDC's Response to **Zika**  
**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW**  
ABOUT ZIKA VIRUS TESTING 

For Pregnant Women Who May Have Been Exposed to Zika 2-12 Weeks Ago

If you or your sex partner live in or recently traveled to an area with Zika, you may have been exposed to Zika. You may have questions about Zika and how to find out if you've been infected. Learn more about Zika virus testing for pregnant women and what you might expect if you have Zika virus during pregnancy.

**Zika testing is complex**

- **You may need more than one Zika test:** You may find out if you have Zika after one test. However, finding out if you have Zika can require up to three different tests, because the result of one test may require more testing to find out if you recently had a Zika virus infection. You may wait different amounts of time for results of each test to come back.
- **Understanding test results can be challenging:** Zika virus is similar to other viruses that are carried by mosquitoes. Testing for Zika may also detect these other mosquito-borne viruses. Sometimes even after testing, we may not know which type of virus you were infected with. Each test result is important, because it helps your doctor or other provider decide which virus is most likely and how best to care for you during pregnancy.



I traveled to an area with Zika 2-12 weeks ago. What's the testing process?

My husband traveled to an area with Zika and got some mosquito bites. I'm 3 months pregnant, and we had sex without a condom 2 months ago. Can I be tested? What's the testing process?

Pretest Counseling Materials

# Assessing for Zika During Pregnancy

- All pregnant women should be assessed for possible Zika exposure, signs, and symptoms at each prenatal care visit. They should be asked if they
  - Traveled to or live in an area with active Zika transmission
  - Had sex without a condom with a partner with potential exposure to Zika

CDC's Response to **Zika**  
**ZIKA SCREENING TOOL FOR PREGNANT WOMEN**

*(To be administered by nurse, check-in receptionist, or other healthcare provider)*

All pregnant women should be assessed for possible Zika virus exposure<sup>1</sup> at each prenatal care visit. Use this tool to evaluate pregnant women for exposure to Zika virus and for signs and symptoms of Zika virus disease to determine whether testing is indicated.

**NOTE:** If your pregnant patient has questions about Zika testing, educational factsheets are available on CDC's website: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/pregnant-woman.html>

**Assess for Possible Exposure<sup>1</sup> to Zika Virus Infection**  
*(See references on back for more information.)*

Circle response:

Do you live in or do you frequently travel (daily or weekly) to an area with active Zika virus transmission?<sup>2</sup>

YES | NO

Have you traveled to an area with Zika<sup>2</sup> during pregnancy or just before you became pregnant [8 weeks before conception or 6 weeks before your last

YES | NO

**If Pregnant Patient Answered "Yes" to Any Question, Assess for Signs and Symptoms of Zika Virus Disease**

Circle response:

Do you currently have or have you had (in the last 12 weeks) fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis (red eyes)?

YES | NO

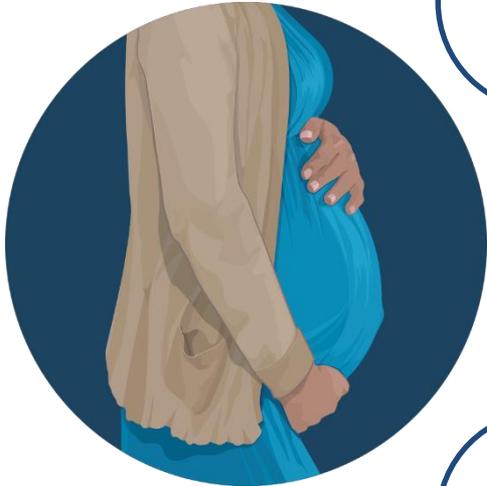
Pregnancy & Zika Testing Restart

Select your profession:

- Obstetrician/Gynecologist
- Family Physician
- Nurse
- Nurse-midwife
- Other healthcare provider
- State health department official
- Local health department official
- Other

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# CDC Recommendations: Who Should be Tested



Pregnant women with possible exposure to Zika virus and signs or symptoms should be tested for Zika virus infection

Pregnant women with possible exposure to Zika virus who do not report symptoms also should -tested

Pregnant women with ongoing risk of Zika virus exposure and who do not report symptoms should be tested in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> trimesters of pregnancy

## What worked?

# Collaboration with Jurisdictions on US Zika Pregnancy Registry & US Zika Birth Defects Surveillance

- Regular reporting and joint publication of findings
- ELC M2: Funding to support US Zika Pregnancy Registry efforts
- Provided funding to support population-based surveillance of birth defects potentially related to Zika virus

# Pregnant Women with Any Laboratory Evidence of Possible Zika Virus Infection

## US States and the District of Columbia\*

1,455

\*Includes aggregated data reported to the [US Zika Pregnancy Registry](#) as of February 7, 2017

## US Territories\*\*

3,156

\*\*Includes aggregated data from the US territories reported to the [US Zika Pregnancy Registry](#) and data from Puerto Rico reported to the [Zika Active Pregnancy Surveillance System](#) as of February 7, 2017

## USZPR Completed Pregnancies

### Completed Pregnancies with or without birth defects

1,047

Includes aggregated data reported to the US Zika Pregnancy Registry

## USZPR Pregnancy Outcomes

### Pregnancy Outcomes in the United States and the District of Columbia

#### Liveborn infants with birth defects\*

43

Includes aggregated data reported to the [US Zika Pregnancy Registry](#) as of February 7, 2017

#### Pregnancy losses with birth defects\*\*

5

Includes aggregated data reported to the [US Zika Pregnancy Registry](#) as of February 7, 2017

# What worked?

## Local Health Department Field Support

16 jurisdictions applied for CDC resource assignee to support:

- Clinical outreach
- Community outreach / health communications
- Medical abstraction
- Data collection, validation, investigation
- Monitoring and follow up
- Referral to services



# Laboratory Task Force

# Successes

- CDC-developed MAC-ELISA (February 26, 2016) and Trioplex rRT-PCR (March 17, 2016) tests receive first FDA EUA to diagnose Zika virus infection
- CDC continues to manufacture and distribute reagents for these assays domestically and internationally
- CDC laboratories provide confirmatory testing and surge capacity for Zika virus

Laboratory	Number of Specimens Received	Number of Specimens Tested by rRT-PCR	Number of Specimens Tested by Zika IgM MAC-ELISA
CDC-Atlanta	5,023	3,464	2,827
CDC-Fort Collins	18,262	3,926	15,571
CDC-San Juan	81,667	45,136	48,015
LRN	60,788	25,439	35,349
Total	165,2692	77,965	101,762

Updated 1/2017

# Concerns

- **Limited data on viral persistence and impact on testing algorithms**
- **Specificity of diagnostic assays**
  - In-house evaluation of 3 commercial assays with MAC-ELISA as gold standard

Manufacturer	Sensitivity	Specificity
InBios (EUA approved)	82%	85%
NovaTec NovaLisa	70%	98%
Euroimmun	72%	95%

- **Usefulness of PRNT**
  - Crossreactivity due to past flavivirus infections
- **Turn around time from sample receipt to when results reach physicians**
  - Discussions ongoing to pursue HL7 messaging to decrease time from test completion to results being available to a physician

## 2017 Anticipated Plans

- Provide Zika virus SME and reference laboratory support in Fort Collins
- Maintain surge laboratories for Zika diagnostic testing in Atlanta
- Assist state and territorial laboratories, as needed
- Refine performance of diagnostic assays
- Move testing to commercial laboratories
- New research

# Move testing to commercial laboratories

- **Early in response CDC entered into agreements with the 4 nation-wide commercial laboratories**
  - Provided MAC-ELISA reagents free of charge to encourage testing until additional serology assays achieved EUA approval
  - Challenges with reporting and assay performance
- **Movement of testing will decrease surge needs for CDC laboratories**
  - 12 PCR assays currently approved (including Trioplex)
  - 2 IgM assay currently approved (including MAC-ELISA)

# New Research: Improvement of Molecular and Serologic Diagnostic Tools for Zika Virus (all CDC laboratories)

- ❑ **Improve sensitivity of high-throughput rRT-PCR by specimen volume or type**
  - Studies ongoing to evaluate serum, whole blood and urine to evaluate sensitivity of each
- ❑ **Development of a Zika Virus multiplex Bead Assay (IgM/IgG)**
  - Investigation of more specific antibodies
- ❑ **Development of rapid and specific IgM diagnostic test using mass spectrometry**
- ❑ **Refinement of recombinant antigens in testing platforms to eliminate the need for inactivation of live virus**

# Blood Safety Task Force

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## Background on Blood, Organ, and Tissue Collection/Screening

### Blood

- Types of collection: whole blood and apheresis
- Types of products: red blood cells, platelets, plasma
- Screening: hepatitis B/C, HIV, human T-lymphotropic virus (HTLV), syphilis, West Nile virus, and Zika virus

### Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-based Products (HCT/Ps)

- Types of products: corneas, bone, skin, heart valves, hematopoietic stem/progenitor cells (HPCs), reproductive tissues, etc.
- Screening: hepatitis B/C, HIV, HTLV, syphilis, cytomegalovirus, chlamydia, gonorrhea

### Solid Organs

- Types of products: kidney, heart, liver, etc.

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## Blood Safety

- No confirmed Zika virus transfusion-transmitted cases in the United States
  - Probable Zika virus transfusion-transmitted cases in Brazil
- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued industry guidance on Feb. 2016<sup>1</sup> and revised guidance on Aug 2016<sup>2</sup>
  - Blood collection centers in all states and US territories should perform Zika virus screening on all donations using a screening test authorized for use under an FDA investigational new drug (IND) protocol, or with a licensed test when available; or use an FDA-approved pathogen-reduction device for plasma and certain platelet products

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/BiologicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/Blood/UCM486360.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/BiologicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/Blood/UCM518213.pdf>

# Blood Safety Task Force

The screenshot shows the CDC website page for Zika Virus Blood Transfusion. At the top left is the CDC logo and the text "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC 24/7: Saving Lives. Protecting People™". To the right is a search bar with the word "SEARCH" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a "CDC A-Z INDEX" dropdown menu. The main heading is "Zika Virus". A breadcrumb trail reads "CDC > > Zika Virus Home > > Transmission". The page title is "Zika and Blood Transfusion". There are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and a plus sign. A language dropdown menu is set to "English". Two main content boxes are visible: "BLOOD AND TISSUE COLLECTION CENTERS" and "AREAS AT RISK". A section titled "What we know" contains a bulleted list of information. Below that is a section titled "Zika Virus Blood Screening" with another bulleted list. A navigation sidebar on the left lists various topics related to Zika virus, such as "About Zika", "Prevention", "Transmission", "Zika & Sexual Transmission", "Zika & Blood Transfusion", "Zika & Animals", "Symptoms, Testing, & Treatment", "Areas with Zika", "Reporting and Surveillance", "Mosquito Control", "Health Effects & Risks", "Pregnancy", "Information for Specific Groups", and "For Healthcare Providers".

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## Zika Virus

CDC > > Zika Virus Home > > Transmission

### Zika and Blood Transfusion

Language: English

BLOOD AND TISSUE COLLECTION CENTERS

AREAS AT RISK

#### What we know

- On August 26, 2016, FDA issued revised guidance, recommending that blood centers in all states and U.S. territories screen individual units of donated whole blood and blood components with a blood screening test authorized for use by FDA under an investigational new drug (IND) application, or with a licensed test when available. Alternatively, an FDA-approved pathogen-reduction device may be used for plasma and certain platelet products.
- Most people infected with the Zika virus don't show any symptoms, blood donors may not know they have been infected.
- To date, there have been no confirmed transfusion-transmission cases of Zika virus in the United States. However, cases of Zika virus transmission through platelet transfusions have been documented in Brazil.

#### Zika Virus Blood Screening

- Blood donor screening on the basis of a questionnaire, without a laboratory test, is insufficient for identifying Zika-infected donors in areas with active mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus due to the high rate of asymptomatic infection.
- Although there is no FDA-licensed test for Zika virus, testing for Zika became available through two separate Investigational New Drug (IND)

Navigation sidebar:

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- About Zika +
- Prevention +
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<https://www.cdc.gov/zika/transmission/blood-transfusion.html>

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The areas listed under “Areas of Active Transmission in the U.S.” can differ from those issued for travel guidance's because of additional concerns about potential risk for tissue safety.

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## Tissue Safety

- FDA's March 2016<sup>1</sup> guidance included Zika virus-related:
  - Recommendations for living donors
  - Recommendations for non-heart-beating (cadaveric) donors

## Organ Safety

- No Zika virus guidance has been issued by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), but the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) issued a statement on Zika virus on July 2016<sup>2</sup>
  - For questions related to ZIKV organ safety, contact the Blood Safety Taskforce at [eocevent281@cdc.gov](mailto:eocevent281@cdc.gov)

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/biologicsbloodvaccines/guidancecomplianceregulatoryinformation/guidances/tissue/ucm488582.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/news/guidance-on-zika-virus/>

# Blood Safety Task Force

## Key Messages

- Blood donation screening can help public health identify new areas of transmission
- State health departments (SHDs) and blood banks should ensure procedures are in place for sharing information regarding positive blood donors
  - Presumptive viremic donors (PVDs) should be reported to ArboNET
- SHDs and tissue banks should strengthen communication regarding Zika virus and tissue donations

# Medical Investigations Team

# Joint Information Center (JIC)

# Joint Information Center

## Zika—a threat like no other

- **The most complex communication challenge in CDC (and US public health) history**
  - More risks and more unknowns
  - Diverse audiences, various languages and divided opinions
- **Guiding communication principles for response**
  - Evidence-based communication strategy
  - Coordination and consistency at all levels of government
  - Research to understand audience needs and behaviors in the midst of rapidly changing information
  - Collaboration with the community to inform strategy, mobilize partners, and amplify messages
  - Continuous, real-time evaluation driving adjustments to strategies and tactics

# Communication – One Year Later

- Intensive, multisector initiatives, including health marketing and private-sector partnerships, can influence awareness and behaviors
- In some higher risk areas, not all pregnant women are aware of Zika, its effects on health, or how to protect themselves
- Preventive actions most often mentioned by audiences aware of Zika were
  - 1) Wearing repellent
  - 2) Dumping accumulated water
- “Invisibility” of Zika may contribute to complacency among audiences who aren’t personally at risk

# Joint Information Center

## Communication Strategy

- **ZAP Summit communication planning– Spring 2016**
  - Create a written, strategic communication plan
  - Include goals, objectives, target audiences, tactics, key messages and evaluation metrics
  - Revisit and update the plan throughout the response
  - Currently updating for 2017
- **Incorporate core risk communication principles in the plan**
  - Show empathy
  - Say what you know, what you don't know, and what you're doing to find out
  - Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) resources: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/cerc>
- **Direct all communication activities toward achieving the goals of the plan**

# Joint Information Center

## Communication Response

- **Coordinate between local, state, and federal entities through clear lines of communication**
  - Harmonize and amplify communication strategy
  - Consistent messaging builds credibility with the public
- **Communicate with the public about the things that are important to them**
  - Understand the public's concerns and respond to them
  - Provide frequent press briefings and media access to the response
- **Strengthen the response through robust engagement with community partners, all types**
  - Those with other points of view can help to identify communication needs and gaps
  - Engaged partners can act as channels to reach other audiences

# Joint Information Center

## Communication Research

- **Ground your strategy in research**
  - Use convenient and ad hoc information sources to learn about what people do and do not know
    - Monitor local media and social media for themes, misinformation, and gaps
    - Track questions through all public and media inquiry sources (phone calls, emails, social media)
  - Real-time communication research can track message uptake and behavior change
- **Refine the communication strategy based on what you learn**
  - Add or revise tactics, channels, spokespeople, and messages
  - Update and reinforce information through your own channels, the news media, and partners
  - As the response evolves and you (and your audiences) learn more, focus messaging on addressing gaps

# Policy and Partnerships

# Partnerships Team Mission

In partnership with the CDC Foundation, CDC continues to grow vital relationships with public and private sector partners

The partnerships team cultivates partnerships in the areas of

- Protecting pregnant women
- Ensuring access to contraception
- Executing a comprehensive vector control program

## CDC Responds to Zika Virus Outbreak; CDC Foundation Activates Response Funds



The Zika virus has rapidly spread through many countries and territories in the Americas, and it is likely the virus will continue to spread to new areas, with potential implications for pregnant women and infants. Immediate and swift action is critical to detect and respond to this rapidly evolving situation. The CDC Foundation has activated its two response funds—the Global Disaster Response Fund and the U.S. Emergency Response Fund—to fortify the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) rapid response to control the outbreak. Activating these funds provides an opportunity for individuals, philanthropies and the private sector to help CDC in its response.

To date, Zika virus has been identified in 30 nations, including U.S. territories. Cases have also been identified in the United States in travelers coming from areas with Zika outbreaks.

### Make a Gift

Join CDC in fighting the Zika virus at home and abroad. Make a gift to the U.S. Emergency Response Fund or the Global Disaster Response Fund.

> Give Now

### On Our Blog

 [Zika Outbreak: Activating Our Global and U.S. Response Funds](#)  
by Dr. Judy Monroe



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**Leveraging Partnerships to Help Decrease the Health Impact of Zika**

# White House Blog on Zika and Business Engagement



Amy Pope, Immediate Past Deputy Homeland Security Advisor and Deputy Assistant

“This is a fight that will continue to require the best we can offer from the government, the private sector, and our communities – and it will require partnerships at every level.”

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/06/22/update-zika-what-we-do-and-dont-know>

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# Vector Issues Task Force

# ELC M1 funded *Aedes aegypti/albopictus* surveillance and insecticide resistance testing in the US

- Funding provided via the ELC M1 mechanism for Zika vector control and surveillance
  - Aug 2016: FY16 funding (\$18M) awarded to 63 entities, including CONUS states as well as some CONUS cities, AK, HI, PR and Territories
  - Dec 2016: FY17 funding (\$27M) awarded to 23 entities, mostly southern CONUS states, HI, and territories

## Guidelines for *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* Surveillance and Insecticide Resistance Testing in the United States

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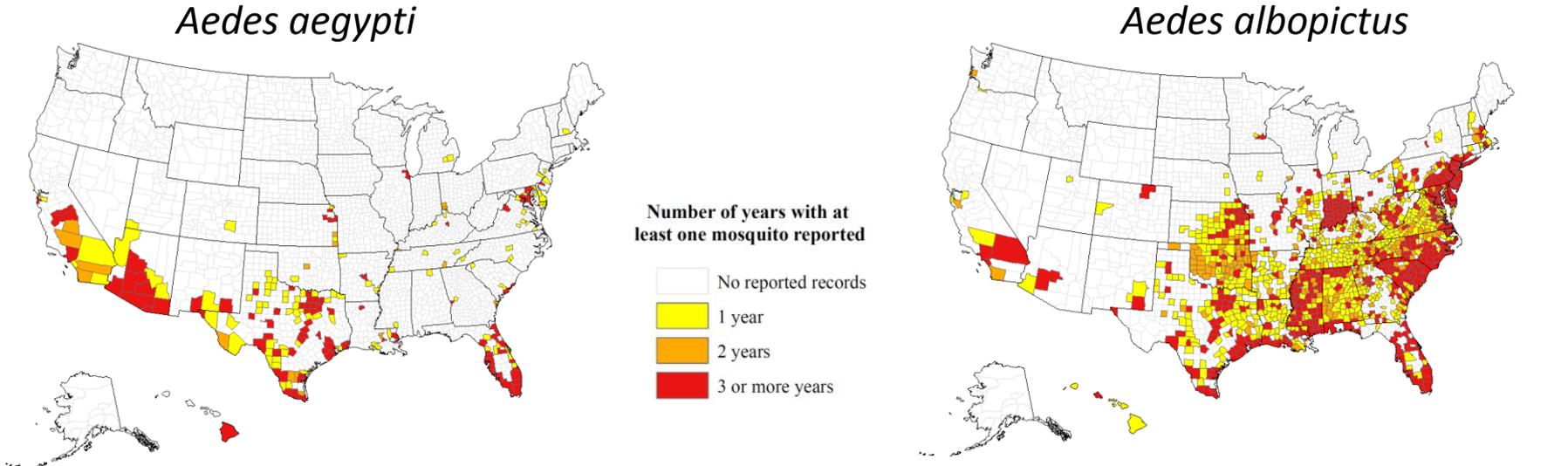
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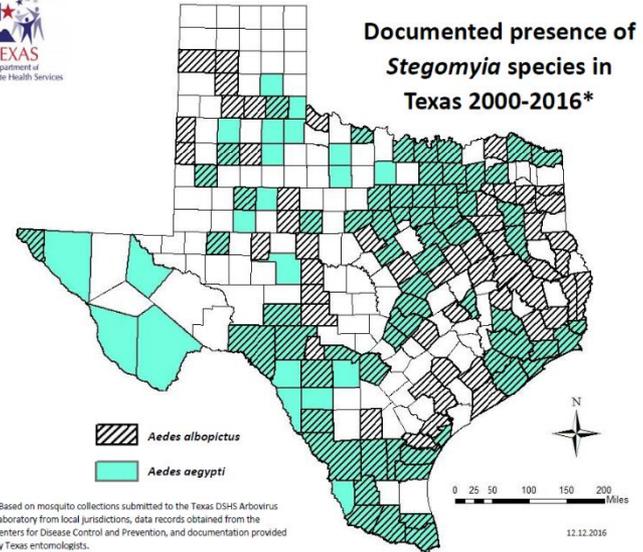
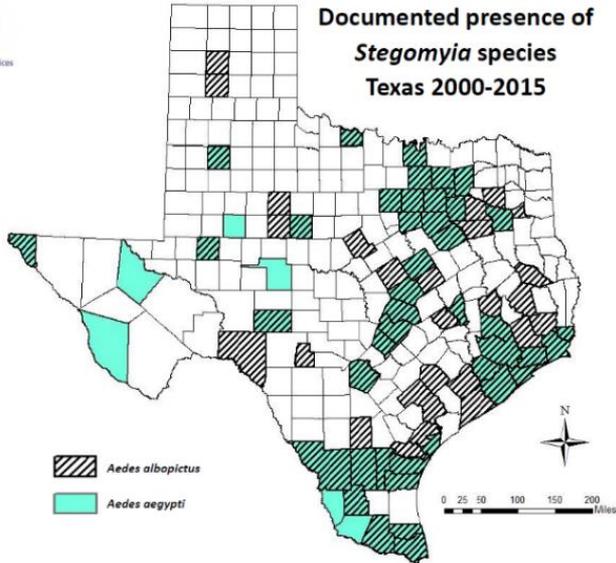
## Second *Stegomyia* survey

- Updated survey for county-level records, **Jan 1995 to Dec 2016**



- Records for *Ae. aegypti* from 220 counties across 28 states and D.C. (38 new counties, mostly in TX, KS, CA; 2 new states, AL, IL)
- Records for *Ae. albopictus* from 1,368 counties across 40 states and D.C. (127 new counties, mostly in TX, KS, AR, NC)

# Mosquito surveillance in Texas



**141 counties in Texas now have documented presence of one or both *Stegomyia* species (*Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*):**

- 65 counties have documented the presence of both species**
- 55 counties have documented the presence of *Ae. albopictus* only**
- 21 counties have documented the presence of *Ae. aegypti* only**

# MosquitoNET online mosquito surveillance and insecticide resistance data reporting

## MOSQUITONET WEB APPLICATION USER'S GUIDE VERSION 1.0.2



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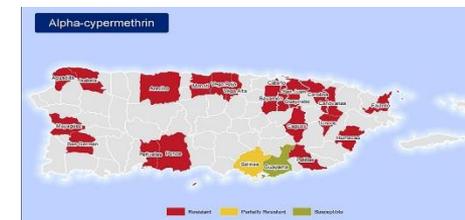
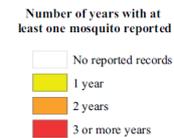
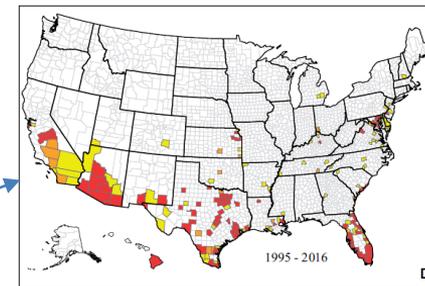
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# Projected MosquitoNET outputs

## □ Key outputs from the data collected and reported to CDC

- Moving toward more standardized vector surveillance
  - Improved data/knowledge on the biology of immatures and adults across CONUS, and evaluation of data for specific surveillance methods, should lead to revised, more standardized surveillance schemes
- Mapping
  - County-based presence of *Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*
  - Point locations for collections of *Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*
  - County-based insecticide susceptibility/resistance patterns
- Modeling
  - Sub-county level predictive models for presence of *Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*
  - Sub-county level predictive models for abundance of *Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*
  - And more.....



# Ongoing CONUS mosquito control initiatives

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## □ New CDC-funded mosquito control initiatives

- Regional Centers of Excellence for Vector-Borne Diseases have been funded and are active (FL, TX, NY, WI): **\$40M**
- BARDA call for sole source contract to Evolva to develop EPA-registered natural product (nootkatone)-based mosquito repellents and toxicants closed 2/15: **\$9M**
- Five new mosquito control research projects are being funded (BAA): **\$5M**
- AMCA was funded to strengthen national mosquito control capacity: **\$1.6M**
  - Manual for best mosquito management practices has been updated and is available online
  - New online and hands-on mosquito control training programs are nearing completion
  - Master-trainers for these programs will be trained in March

# Closing Remarks

TELECONFERENCE OVERVIEW	DATE/TIME/LOCATION
<b>Laboratory Task Force</b> <b>Eddie Ades, Robert Lanciotti, Christy Ottendorfer</b>	Wed 3/15/2017 / 2pm–3pm EDT - Domestic Wed 3/15/2017 / 5 pm–6 pm EDT - Islands Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Joint Information Center/Communications</b> <b>Erin Connelly</b>	Wed 3/22/2017 / 2pm–3pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Epidemiology Task Force</b> <b>Stacey Martin, Carolyn Gould</b>	Thurs 3/23/2017 / 2pm–3pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Vector Issues Team</b> <b>Janet McAllister, Audrey Lenhart</b>	Tues 3/28/2017 / 2pm–3pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Policy and Partnerships</b> <b>Sue Visser, Melody Stevens</b>	Wed 3/29/2017 / 1:30pm–2:30pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Pregnancy and Birth Defects Task Force (including surveillance)</b> <b>Peggy Honein, Dana Meaney-Delman, Suzanne Gilboa</b>	Wed 3/29/2017 / 3pm–4pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Blood Safety Task Force</b> <b>Sustainment Strategy Discussions</b> <b>Koo Chung, Matt Kuhnert, Craig Hooper</b>	Thurs 3/30/2017 / 2pm–3pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430
<b>Medical Investigations Team</b> <b>Sustainment Strategy Discussions</b> <b>Maleeka Glover</b>	Thurs 3/30/2017 / 3:30pm–4:30pm / Rm 5116 Bridge Line: 1(888)972-6716/ Passcode: 6721430

# Thank You!

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