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ZIKA VIRUS - SPECIAL EDITION

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Zika virus (Zika) outbreaks are occurring in areas. Please share the following information with those who may find it useful.

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Announcements

Press Release: ["CDC and the Instituto Nacional de Salud of Colombia collaborate to understand long-term effects of Zika virus infection during pregnancy"](#)

Updated Case Count Maps for the United States: [Zika Cases Reported in the United States](#)

Updated Article: [UPDATE: Areas of Active Transmission for the Purpose of Blood and Tissue Safety Intervention](#)

To learn more about Zika, visit CDC's [homepage](#) and [key messages](#).

CDC welcomes suggestions and feedback. If you would like to comment on any of these announcements or send us suggestions, including suggestions for new content, please contact us at emergencypartners@cdc.gov.

Washington Post- "CDC and NIH officials: How not to fight the Zika virus"



The Washington Post

Transferring funds from other health priorities to combat Zika is detrimental to both Zika and non-Zika efforts. [Learn more](#) from Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Tom Frieden about the additional funding needed to sufficiently fight Zika.

New York Times- "In Florida, Pregnant Women Cover Up and Stay Inside Amid Zika Fears"

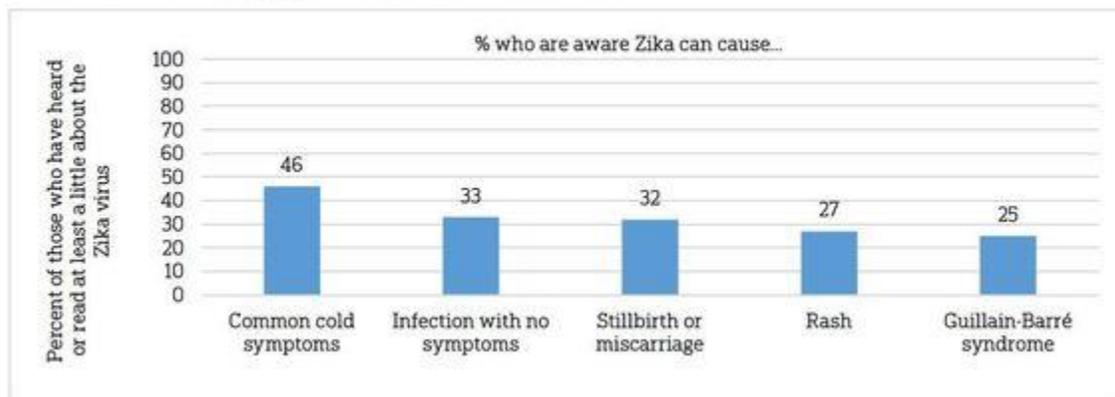


The New York Times

The risk of mosquito bites raises fear for pregnant women living in Zika infected areas. Many women choose to stay indoors or leave their neighborhoods to avoid the risk of an infection. [Click here](#) for more about the precautions pregnant women are taking to protect themselves.

March of Dimes- The Zika Virus: Gaps in America's Knowledge and Support for Government Action

Few Americans know symptoms or effects linked to Zika.



[Click here](#) to learn more about the gaps in America's knowledge of the Zika virus.

Guillain-Barré Passive Surveillance System

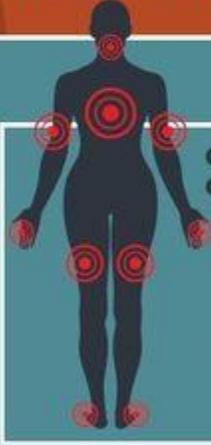
ZIKA Response from the Puerto Rico Department of Health and CDC

GUILLAIN-BARRÉ Passive Surveillance System



Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) is a rare condition that affects a person's immune system by damaging the nerves, causing muscle weakness or paralysis. Recently, countries affected by Zika virus have reported an increase in cases of GBS. The Puerto Rico Department of Health is preparing for a possible increase of patients with GBS as transmission of Zika virus increases.

GBS surveillance will help to detect increases of GBS cases and guide public health officials to take quick public health action.



Common signs and symptoms of GBS include:

- **Numbness or tingling** in the arms or legs
- **Weakness or pain in the arms or the legs** on both sides of the body
- **Diminished or absent reflexes**
- **Difficulty breathing** or shortness of breath
- **Difficulty walking, speaking, chewing, and swallowing**

Guillain-Barré Passive Surveillance System

Live in Puerto Rico and recognize these symptoms? Healthcare workforce, [click here](#) for information on the Guillain-Barré Passive Surveillance System.

[Learn more](#) about Guillain-Barré and the Zika virus.

Zika Topic of the Week

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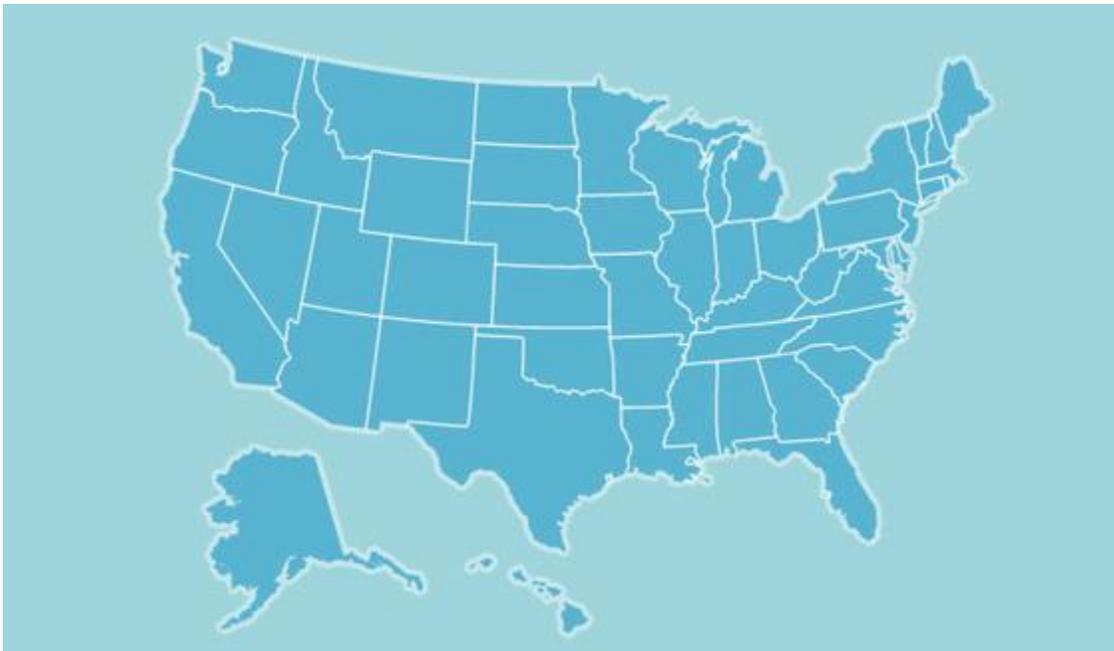


Keep Your Workplace Safe!

Employers and workers, you share responsibility for [keeping your workplace safe](#) from Zika.

Working outside? [Click here](#) to learn more about protecting yourself while outdoors.

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Is Your State Prepared for Zika?

CDC has [tools](#) for state and local health departments to prepare for Zika.

Communication Tips: "Pros and Cons of Community Response "



Pros and Cons of Community Response

A community's reaction to a public health crisis can vary widely. Individual and group behaviors will differ based on a range of factors. Communication, however, can impact how an affected community responds to an emergency situation.

Without communication from a trusted source, negative emotions may lead to harmful individual or group behaviors. These behaviors may affect the public's safety by affecting the speed, quality, and appropriateness of a crisis response and recovery. Crisis-related psychological issues may lead to further loss of life, health, safety, and property.

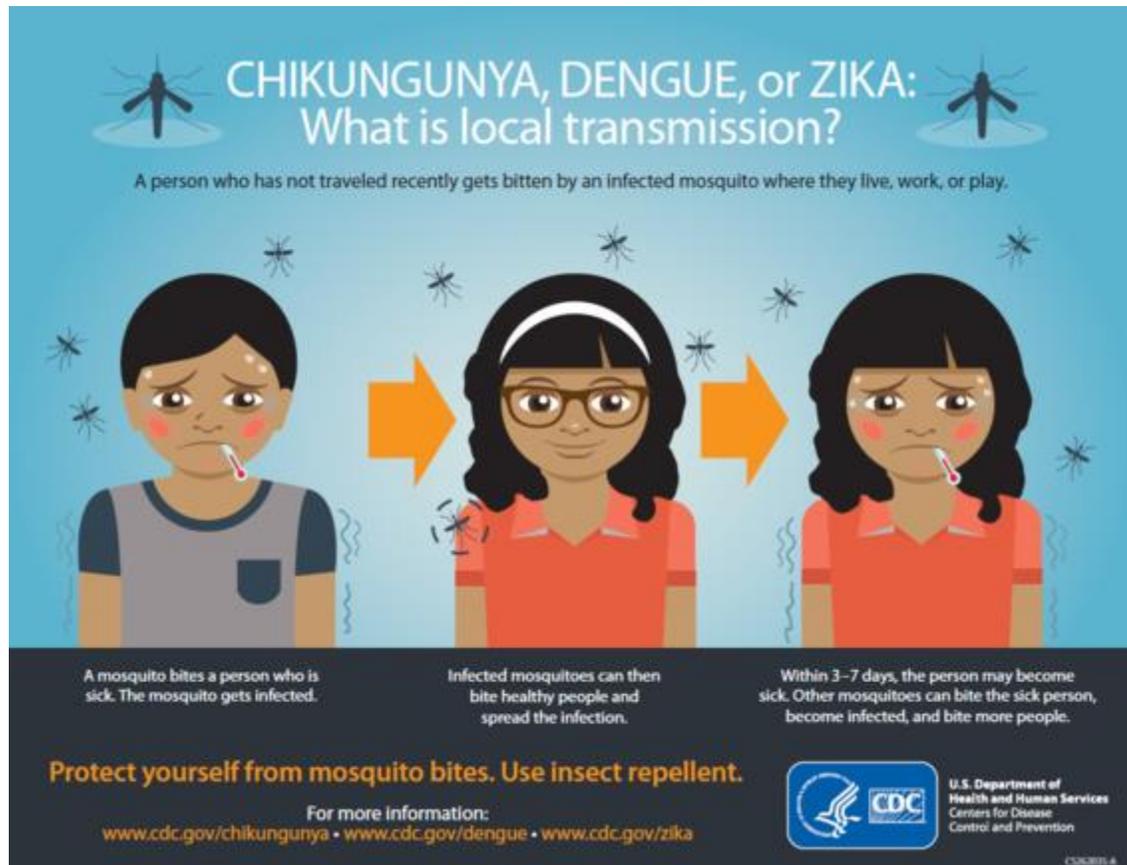
However, crises may also create positive emotions and behaviors. Positive responses might include [coping](#), altruism, relief, and elation at surviving the disaster. Feelings of excitement, greater self-worth, strength, and growth may come from the experience. Often a crisis results in changes in the way the future is viewed, including a new understanding of risks and new ways to manage them.

Effective communication that addresses both negative and positive emotions is crucial to a successful crisis outcome. Messages that anticipate possible behaviors and encourage positive feelings can promote an effective crisis resolution. They may also inspire a renewed sense of community.

For more resources and information on CERC, please see [Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication, 2014 Edition](#) or [Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Pandemic Influenza, 2007](#).

Have you used CERC in your work? To share your CERC stories, e-mail cercrequest@cdc.gov. Your stories may appear in future CERC Corners.

Online Resources



- [Zika Key Messages](#): Detailed information on transmission, symptoms, travel, etc. ([Spanish](#))
- [Zika Print Resources](#): Visual resources on Zika
- [Zika and Pregnancy](#): Information for pregnant women about Zika
- [Zika Travel Notices](#): Travel notices for areas where Zika is spreading
- [Zika Virus Digital Press Kit](#): Includes Zika facts, images, infographics, and more
- [Zika Virus Microsite](#): Offers an easy way to share information and stay up-to-date with developments in the current Zika virus outbreak, including prevention, symptoms, treatment, and information for pregnant women and travelers

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