Revision to CDC’s Zika Travel Notices: Minimal Likelihood for Mosquito-Borne Zika Virus Transmission at Elevations Above 2,000 Meters

Summary

New and Updated CDC Guidance Regarding Zika Virus

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released, Revision to CDC’s Zika Travel Notices: Minimal Likelihood for Mosquito-Borne Zika Virus Transmission at Elevations Above 2,000 Meters- United States, 2016, as a Morbidity Mortality Weekly Report Early Release. With this revision, CDC recommends that women who are pregnant should postpone travel to areas that are at elevations <2,000 m above sea level in countries and U.S. territories with ongoing Zika virus transmission. Because Zika virus is primarily spread by mosquitoes, CDC recommends that travelers protect themselves from mosquito bites. Travel that is entirely limited to elevations >2,000 m is considered to pose minimal likelihood for mosquito-borne Zika virus transmission. As additional geographic data specific to Zika virus cases in relation to elevation become available, these recommendations will be reviewed and revised as needed.

These reports can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/early_release.html

DHEC will provide consultation to health care providers and facilitate testing for Zika virus. Health care providers should contact their regional DHEC Public Health Department for assistance with testing and to report suspected Zika virus disease cases.

DHEC contact information for reportable diseases and reporting requirements

Reporting of Zika Virus is consistent with South Carolina Law requiring the reporting of diseases and conditions to your state or local public health department. (State Law # 44-29-10 and Regulation # 61-20) as per the DHEC 2016 List of Reportable Conditions available at: http://www.scdhec.gov/Library/CR-009025.pdf

Federal HIPAA legislation allows disclosure of protected health information, without consent of the individual, to public health authorities to collect and receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease. (HIPAA 45 CFR §164.512).
Regional Public Health Offices – 2016
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For information on reportable conditions, see  
http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/FHPF/ReportDiseasesAdverseEvents/ReportableConditionsInSC/

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