# Zika Virus Resources

## Background Information

For complete background information on Zika virus, visit the CDC webpage, [Zika Virus: Questions and Answers](https://www.cdc.gov/zika/).  

Quick facts about Zika virus:

- Zika is a virus spread to humans by *Aedes* mosquitoes, the same mosquitoes that spread dengue, chikungunya, and yellow fever.
- The virus is known to circulate in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and the Pacific.
- About 1 in 5 people who are infected with Zika virus show symptoms. Symptoms can include mild fever, skin rashes, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, malaise, or headache. Symptoms last for 2-7 days.
- There is no treatment or vaccine currently available.
- The best form of prevention is protection against mosquito bites.

## Information for Health Care Providers

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(ACOG) Practice Advisory: Interim Guidance for Care of Obstetric Patients During a Zika Virus Outbreak

PAHO) Surveillance in the Americas: Interim guidances for laboratory detection and diagnosis

(CDC) Recognizing, Managing, and Reporting Zika Virus Infections in Travelers Returning from Central America, South America, the Caribbean, and Mexico

(UpToDate) Zika Virus Infection

Additional Information at Northwestern Medicine

- Listen to a WGN Radio interview with Dr. Robert Murphy, Director of the Center for Global Health at Northwestern Medicine.
- View the Center for Global Health presentation about Zika Virus from Monday, February 29, 2016. The presentation begins at the 7-minute mark.
- Follow IPHAM's ongoing coverage of Zika Virus.

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