



# PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

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**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO PEDIATRIC, FAMILY PRACTICE, PRIMARY CARE, EMERGENCY ROOM, INTERNAL MEDICINE, INFECTIOUS DISEASE, OB/GYN AND AMBULATORY CARE STAFF.**

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### **PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT #3** **ZIKA VIRUS TESTING: UPDATE**

On August 1, 2016, CDC issued an advisory with travel and testing guidance for pregnant women and women of reproductive age related to the investigation of local mosquito-borne Zika virus transmission in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties in Florida. A summary of the advisory and testing procedures for New York State can be found below.

- CDC recommends that pregnant women should avoid all non-essential travel to any area with active Zika virus transmission including **recently identified areas by the Florida Department of Health** ([www.cdc.gov/zika/intheus/florida-update.html](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/intheus/florida-update.html)).
- Zika virus testing should be offered to **PREGNANT** women who have lived in or travelled to this area after June 15, 2016.
- Diagnosis of Zika virus is based on both molecular tests and serology. For free comprehensive testing performed by NYSDOH's Wadsworth Center, preauthorization by the Orange County Department of Health Nursing Division is required. Please call **845-291-2330** for authorization.

Zika Virus testing is available for patients meeting the following criteria:

- Pregnant women who traveled to an area with active mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus at any point during their pregnancy\*.
- Pregnant women who, during pregnancy, had unprotected vaginal, anal or oral sex with a sex partner who traveled to an area with active mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus regardless of whether the sex partner had symptoms consistent with Zika virus infection.
- Persons who traveled to an area with active mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus and who present with Guillain-Barré syndrome.
- Infants with microcephaly or intracranial calcifications born to women who traveled to an area with active mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus while pregnant.
- Non-pregnant women, children or men who develop Zika compatible symptoms within 4 weeks of return from travel to an area with active mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus

\*A list of areas with active Zika Virus transmission is continuously updated on CDC's website found here: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html>.

For additional information – visit <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html> or [www.orangecountygov.com/health](http://www.orangecountygov.com/health) in the Health Professional's Corner for links to CDC's complete health advisories and interim clinical guidance for pregnant women.

**Please report any suspect cases to Orange County Department of Health at 845-291-2330**