



## ZIKA VIRUS

Zika virus is a virus similar to dengue, yellow fever, and West Nile and is primarily transmitted through mosquitoes and sexual contact. The Zika virus outbreak in the Caribbean, and Central and South Americas has led to reports of pregnant women giving birth to babies with birth defects, poor pregnancy outcomes, and Guillain-Barre syndrome.

**The Illinois Department of Public Health is currently reporting 87 cases of Zika virus disease statewide. \*\*Please note that all numbers are provisional and may be subject to change\*\***

### **Illinois Information:**

- If you have returned from a country where Zika virus is circulating and you have symptoms of Zika virus in the two weeks following your return, call your doctor and report your travel history and symptoms.
- If you are a doctor seeing a symptomatic patient who has traveled to a country where Zika virus is circulating, please contact your local health department to discuss possible Zika virus testing.
- The IDPH Zika Virus Action Plan outlines how IDPH environmental health, communicable disease, laboratory, preparedness and response, women's health and family services, and communications staff will work with local health departments, blood supply centers, and other partners to verify local transmission of Zika virus, inform the public, and prevent further spread.

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**Additional Resources:**

**[IDPH Resources for Health Care Providers and LHDs](#)**

**[CDC's Zika Virus Information Center](#)**

**[CDC's Zika Virus Information Center \(Spanish\)](#)**

**[CDC Travel Guide](#)**

**[Zika in the United States](#)**