Zika Virus in Florida

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Preparedness – The Big Picture

- Florida Department of Health works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida

- Strategic Plan - Demonstrate readiness for emerging health threats

- Measured by domain scores from the National Health Security Preparedness Index
Zika in Florida

- Florida’s confirmed local transmissions of Zika virus in one area in Miami-Dade County
- Local transmission no longer occurring in the Wynwood zone
- Florida’s small case cluster is not considered widespread transmission

Outbreak Activities

- Door-to-door outreach and targeted testing in Pinellas, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties
- Mosquito abatement and reduction activities around the locations being investigated
- Thorough investigation by sampling close contacts and community members around each case to determine if additional people are infected
Services for Pregnant Women with Zika Exposure

- The local County Health Department will:
  - Test for Zika
  - Provide transmission and prevention education
  - Determine prenatal care and insurance status
  - Make referrals to Medicaid, Healthy Start and other programs
Healthy Start Services

- Healthy Start provides care coordination to pregnant women and infants up to age of 3
- Care coordination services may include:
  - Referrals to local resources and social services
  - Referrals for prenatal care and follow-up
  - Assistance to apply for Medicaid

Florida Birth Defects Registry

- Statewide population-based registry since 1997
- Includes major anomalies recommended by the National Birth Defects Prevention Network
- Reportable conditions include:
  - Microcephaly
  - Intracranial calcification
  - Other conditions potentially associated with Zika
Zika Response - Retrospective

- Case confirmation for more accurate baseline
- Requested case lists for infants delivered in Florida hospitals - 2015 through June 30, 2016
- Review medical records
- Request case lists from hospitals monthly

Zika Response - Prospective

- Pregnant cases of Zika, regardless of baby’s health status
- Review record and record information in registry
- Identify and record all birth defects and other potential health outcomes
Registry Objectives

- Determine statewide prevalence of birth defects
- Identify birth defect clusters and areas of higher than expected incidence of birth defects
- Promote scientific collaboration and epidemiological studies to determine possible causes of birth defects
- Zika specific health education and resources

Developmental Services for Infants with Congenital Zika

- Early Steps - Florida’s early intervention program
- Provides services to infants and toddlers, age birth to 36 months, with developmental disabilities or delays, and their families
- Services support infants and toddlers and their families where they live, learn, and play
Early Steps Services

- Services include:
  - Service coordination
  - Information on child development
  - Parent and caregiver information
  - Developmental services and supports as needed

- Helps families build on individual strengths and provides supports to meet a child's unique needs

Linkage to Care System
Communication and Media

- Daily Media Updates - case counts by county, new travel and locally acquired cases
- Link to Department's detailed process
- Florida Zika Hotline - 1-855-622-6735
- www.FloridaHealth.gov - active investigations, symptoms and treatments, transmission, guidance for health care providers

Media Campaigns

Feeling the sting of mosquitoes?

Then it's time to:

DRAIN AND COVER

Be a hero. Spill the water!
Questions?

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