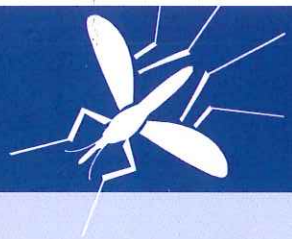
ZIKA BASICS



Zika is spread mostly by being **bitten by an infected *Aedes* species mosquito.** These mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters, but can also bite at night.

Common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes) within two weeks of exposure. The symptoms are usually mild and only affect 1 in 5 infected people.

There is **no vaccine or medicine** for Zika. The best way to prevent Zika is to prevent mosquito bites.

Infection during pregnancy may be linked to **birth defects in babies**.

Sexual transmission of Zika virus from a male partner is possible.

Check for **updates on Zika-affected countries** and for issued travel advisories at www.cdc.gov/zika.

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