

Zika Updates in Texas

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- 99 cases have been reported in Texas: 3 pregnant women, 2 infants (infected before birth), and 1 person who was infected by sexual contact.
- There has not been a case of local transmission in Texas.
- The Zika virus is spread through:
 - Mosquito bites
 - Blood transfusion
 - Sexual contact

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According to the CDC, many people infected with Zika will not have symptoms or will only show minor symptoms. However, the virus has been known to cause birth defects if contracted during pregnancy.

Symptoms of Zika include:

- Fever
- Rash
- Joint pain
- Conjunctivitis (red eyes)
- Muscle pain
- Headache

To prevent the spread of the Zika virus, the CDC recommends:

- The use of EPA-registered insect repellents
- The use of insect or mosquito netting
- Oral contraception, long-acting reversible contraception, and condoms

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) has added insect repellent as a covered benefit for Medicaid clients.

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Beginning on August 8, 2016, Texas Medicaid will cover the cost of mosquito repellent for women who are between the ages of 10 and 45 or pregnant.

To be covered, a doctor must prescribe the repellent and the client must pick it up at a pharmacy. Clients can present their Medicaid prescription card just like they would with any prescription.

Women in the following programs are covered:

- Medicaid
- CHIP
- CHIP-Perinatal
- Healthy Texas Women
- Family Planning

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For information about Zika, please visit:

www.texaszika.org

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