Zika Virus
Implications for College Health*

- Travelers who are pregnant, trying to become pregnant or who may be pregnant should postpone their travel, if at all possible, to areas with Zika virus transmission.

- Discuss with students traveling to Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean the possibility of mosquito borne viral infections, including Zika, Chikungunya, and Dengue.

- Review with travelers the importance of mosquito bite prevention.
  
  o *Aedes* species mosquitoes can bite during the daytime, as well as at dawn and dusk.

- Clinicians should consider Zika virus, as well as Dengue and Chikungunya virus, in the differential diagnosis in returning travelers who present with fever, maculopapular rash, and conjunctivitis.

- Schools in areas with *Aedes* species mosquitoes should plan for the possibility of locally acquired Zika virus infection and be ready with messages to students regarding transmission and prevention of Zika virus.

- Until more is known about the sexual transmission of Zika virus, students returning from Zika affected areas are recommended to use condoms for all sexual contact.

- Additional information on Zika virus can be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention websites:

  www.zika.pa.gov


- Be familiar with your local and state public health guidelines for testing of suspect cases.

- **Consultation with the PA Department of Health or your local health department is required** for Zika virus testing. Contact 1-877-PAHEALTH (1-877-724-3258) or your local health department for approval.

* Zika information from American College Health Association


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