

## Protect yourself to protect others

### **HOW CAN IT SPREAD**

Zika is a virus spread by mosquitoes or people







#### Person to mosquito:





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## WHAT ARE THE COMMON SIGNS



These might only last a few days. But some people with Zika won't show any signs.

# Talk to your doctor about testing for Zika if:

- You have signs of Zika or
- You are pregnant and you or your partner travelled to an area known to have Zika



## WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU GET ZIKA

Zika doesn't affect everyone. But for some, the effects can be serious.

#### **Unborn Babies**

Babies can get Zika before they are born. Babies with Zika can have microcephaly. This is where a baby's head and brain are smaller than expected. Zika can affect the baby's hearing, mental ability and growth.



#### Adults

When adults gets Zika, there is a chance of nerve damage. This can



cause muscles to feel weak « or numb. Zika can also cause paralysis. This is when a person can't move parts of their body.

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## **IF YOU HAVE ZIKA**

#### Zika can't be treated or cured.

Children under 18 should see a doctor.

If you are an adult with Zika, you can help your body feel better:





Drink a lot of water



Take medicine (acetaminophen) for any fever or pain



## **HOW TO PREVENT IT**

Right now, there is *no vaccine* to prevent Zika. The best way to prevent Zika is to protect yourself and others. Here are some steps you can take:

#### Use bug spray with DEET







- Avoid travel to places where Zika is found
  - Go to http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/ zika-information
- Avoid spreading Zika through sex
  - ☑ Use condoms; OR
  - ✓ Wait to have sex after being in an area with Zika, even if you have no signs of Zika; <</p>
    - Women wait for 8 weeks after leaving the Zika area
    - Men wait for 6 months after leaving the Zika area

#### REMEMBER

You may have Zika and not know it. Protect yourself to protect others. Talk to your doctor if you have questions.



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Keep mosquitoes out of your home.
Ask your doctor's office for more ideas.

#### Keep doors and windows closed



## Use screens on open doors and windows



Keep any items that could hold water (like plant pots and old tires) empty and clean



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