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## **Zika – Local Impact**

- No confirmed cases in Stark County at this time or in the state of Ohio, however we are aware of cases that have been reported in travelers visiting or returning to the United States.
- We are focusing our attention on prevention and education to those traveling in the affect areas.
- Residents of the county who are pregnant or plan to become pregnant should avoid travel to the affected countries.
- Zika is primarily transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. Spread of the virus through sexual contact and blood transfusions has been reported by CDC.
- We continue to monitor the situation through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advising travelers to Central and South American countries to:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Stay in places with air conditioning or that use window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are overseas or outside and are not able to protect yourself from mosquito bites.
- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) insect repellents:
  - Always follow the product label instructions.
  - Reapply insect repellent as directed.
  - Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
  - If you are using sunscreen, apply sunscreen before applying insect repellent.
- Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated items:
  - Treated clothing remains protective after multiple washings. See product information to learn how long the protection will last.
  - If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions carefully.
  - Do NOT use permethrin products directly on skin. They are intended to treat clothing.

Precautions if pregnant and traveling to:

Barbados	Guadeloupe	Paraguay
Bolivia	Guatemala	Puerto Rico
Brazil	Guyana	Saint Martin
Colombia	Haiti	Suriname
Dominican Republic	Honduras	U.S. Virgin Islands
Ecuador	Martinique	Venezuela
El Salvador	Mexico	
French Guiana	Panama	

Contact your primary healthcare provider or the healthcare professionals at the Canton City Health Department International Travel Clinic with any questions about Zika or other travel related illnesses.

Please refer to the following links for additional information:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>
- <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/en/odhprograms/bid/zdp/diseases/zika.aspx>