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Zika Situational Report – Friday, July 1, 2016

As of June 29, a total of 935 laboratory-confirmed Zika virus disease cases have been reported to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 49 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. Of the 935 cases reported, 934 are travel associated, 13 were sexually transmitted, 4 had Guillain-Barré syndrome, and 1 was laboratory acquired. CDC reports that there are 287 pregnant women with any laboratory evidence of possible Zika virus infection within the U.S. states and the District of Columbia. Texas has 53 Zika virus disease cases.

There are 49 countries and territories with active Zika virus transmission.

As of today, staff have identified 196 persons (61 percent are pregnant women) in the City of Austin and Travis County for whom clinical specimens have been submitted to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for Zika virus testing. Results have been reported for 104 persons; two persons have been tested positive for Zika, two for Dengue, two for Chikungunya, and one was inconclusive. Testing results are pending for 42 persons (50 additional individual specimens were not able to be tested). There are no reported severe illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths from Zika virus.

Staff continue to work with Austin area physicians to educate them on the process of submitting specimens to the state laboratory for Zika virus testing. Guidance related to Zika disease and pregnancy, laboratory testing, and prevention of sexual transmission of Zika virus have been prepared by the CDC. Staff are sharing this guidance to physician offices when requested.

Staff are also conducting interviews of persons whose physician has submitted serum specimen to the state laboratory to collect demographic and exposure data required by DSHS. Staff also provide guidance on ways to protect oneself from mosquito bites to individuals who have scheduled trips to areas where Zika virus is circulating.

Staff made a Zika presentation during the Employee Safety Fair.

For questions or more information about ways to reduce mosquitoes around property residents can continue to call Rodent and Vector program at 3-1-1.

The ATCHHSD's Zika website for healthcare providers and the public has been updated with links to new information and resources: <http://www.austintexas.gov/zika>.

Other news:

- Mexico reports 562 confirmed Zika cases.

The most common symptoms of Zika virus disease are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is typically mild and resolves within one week.

We continue to encourage people to follow travel precautions and avoid mosquito bites. Preventative measures residents can take to avoid mosquito bites include draining any water around their property, wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants and using EPA-registered insect repellents.

At this time, no additional resources are needed to address and respond to the Zika virus.

ATCHHSD staff are available 24/7 to support healthcare providers in responding to any patient with a suspect Zika virus infections. ATCHHSD has created a website for healthcare providers and the public that provide information:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/zika>.