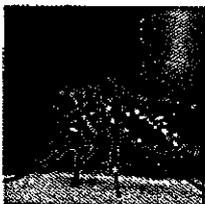




(<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/>)

Zika in Texas



Zika virus is primarily spread to people through mosquito bites. The virus can be spread from mother to child. Spread of the virus through blood transfusion and sexual contact has also been reported.

Most people infected with the virus have mild or no symptoms. For those who do develop symptoms, illness is generally mild and typically lasts a few days to a week. The most common symptoms of Zika virus disease are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes).

Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon and fatalities are rare. An increase in Guillain-Barré syndrome was noted during an outbreak of Zika virus in French Polynesia in 2014. An increase in microcephaly (<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/microcephaly.html>) was noted during an outbreak of Zika virus in Brazil in 2015.

What's New?

- **Aug. 15, 2016 - Texas Zika Illness Linked to Miami Travel**
(<http://dshs.texas.gov/news/releases/2016/Texas-Zika-Case-Linked-to-Miami.aspx>)
- **Aug. 9, 2016 - Infant death in Texas linked to Zika**
(<http://www.dshs.texas.gov/news/releases/2016/20160809.aspx>)
- **Aug. 3, 2016 - Texas on Alert for Local Zika, Urges Precautions**
(<http://dshs.texas.gov/news/releases/2016/20160803.aspx>)
- **Medicaid Will Pay for Mosquito Repellent to Fight Zika**
(<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/>)

Reported Cases

Zika Virus - August 18, 2016

Texas has had 118 reported cases of Zika virus disease. This count includes three pregnant women, two infants infected before birth, and one person who had sexual contact with a traveler.

Texas Zika Cases by County:

County	Cases
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Bell	4
Bexar	7
Brazos	1
Collin	3
Dallas	27
Denton	4
Ellis	1
Fort Bend	6
Frio	1
Gray	1
Galveston	2
Grayson	1
Hamilton	1
Harris	32
Jefferson	1
Lubbock	1
Medina	1
Palo Pinto	1
Randall	1
Tarrant	14
Travis	3
Val Verde	1
Williamson	3
Wise	1
Total	118

Note: Zika case data for Texas will be updated each weekday no later than 11 a.m.

National Zika Pregnancy Registry

August 12, 2016 - Weekly Texas Data for National Zika Pregnancy Registry
<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/registry.html>

Texas has reported 44 individuals into the CDC's Zika Pregnancy Registry. That number includes three pregnant women who are confirmed Zika cases. It also includes pregnant women and any newborns who have laboratory evidence of Zika infection but don't qualify as Zika cases because they have had no symptoms or because the infection couldn't be specifically identified as Zika virus. Texas provides data to the Zika Pregnancy Registry weekly.

The registry casts a wider net - beyond confirmed Zika cases - to track and follow pregnancies that may have been impacted by Zika. States are reporting confirmed cases but also the number of pregnancies that can't be confirmed to be Zika-infected but have

some lab indication of a flavivirus infection. Flaviviruses are known to cross-react during confirmatory testing, making it difficult to determine if the person was infected with Zika or some other flavivirus.

Who Texas Counts for the CDC Registry

Any pregnant woman or newborn residing in Texas whose testing for Zika virus infection yielded positive or inconclusive test results, regardless of symptoms.

Who Texas Counts as Zika Pregnancy Case

To be reported as a Zika pregnancy case, the pregnant woman has to have had a rash or fever plus at least one other symptom, and also have a positive Zika-specified test result.

Note: Pregnancy Registry counts will be updated weekly. No other details will be provided about Texas pregnancies reported to the CDC due to privacy concerns and that it is not warranted from a public health standpoint.

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