

Board of Public Health Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2016



Commissioner's Update

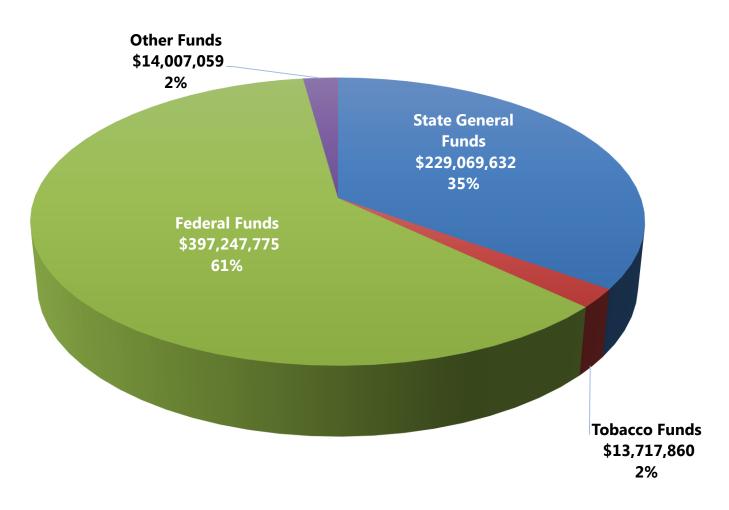
Brenda Fitzgerald, MD Commissioner, DPH

Budget Update

Kate Pfirman, CPA Chief Financial Officer, DPH

FY 2017 DPH Budget

Total Funds: \$654,042,326



AFY17 & FY18 Budget Instructions

- ➤ Governor's Office Planning & Budget (OPB) Instructions:
 - Agencies request same level of funding for FY 2017
 - Notified agencies identified for workload request
 - ☐ Women's Health (\$651k in AFY17 & FY18)
 - Bond Planning Amount: \$5,000,000
 - ☐ Clinical Billing System = \$4,215,000
 - **□** *Facility Needs* @ *GPHL* = \$785,000

Facility Needs

PROJECT	COS	COST ESTIMATE	
Decatur Lab			
Steam Coil and Humidifier Replacement	\$	200,000	
 Replace Smoke Detectors and Lamps 	\$	105,000	
Increase Electrical Capacity	\$	300,000	
Waycross Lab			
 Replace five Autoclaves 	\$	180,000	
TOTAL REQUE	ST \$	785,000	

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Emily Anne Vall, PhD Georgia Shape Project Manager



2015-2016 Fitnessgram Assessment

- New platform
- Cooper currently cleaning data



Physical Activity Updates

Shape Grantees

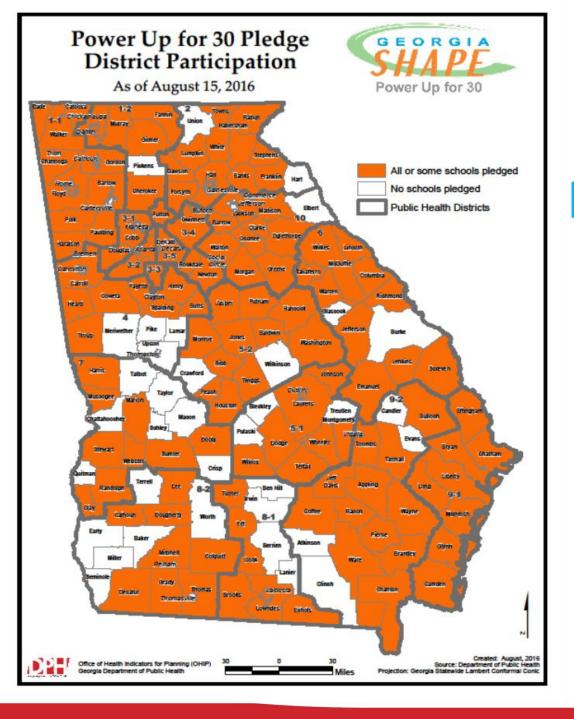
- 26 awarded in Spring 2016
- Summit on October 5th, 2016

Shape Quality Rated Recognition

91 Early Care Centers Awarded to Date

Shape Honor Role 2014-2015

- 217 K-12 Schools Awarded
- Large increase from 2015 to 2016 (+31)



Power Up for 30 Pledge Status

881 Schools Pledged

Power Up for 30-Sustainability Efforts

Electronic K-5 PU30 Training 6-8 Middle School Pilot

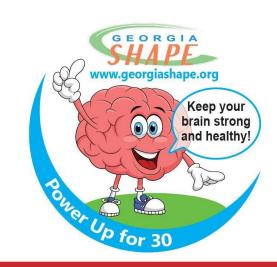
- Centene/Peach State Funded 6 Schools
- 3 trained, 3 this month
- New Resource Guide and Teacher Training

DFCS Afterschool Training

• 200+ Trained

Pre-Service Teacher Certificate

University of West GA and GSU



Data and Evaluation Updates

Post K-5 survey

HMP, Emory, UGA, GSU Coordinated Effort Childhood Obesity Systems Model

- Model intervention strategies show impact on obesity specific to Georgia
- Created 2009; Updated 2015
- Helped get S.H.A.P.E bill passed
- Part of Legislator Certificate Program at GHPC
- Presentations available for meetings/events

Statewide Nutrition Survey

- Pilot Data being analyzed
- 86 Schools, 90% response rate

Power Up for 30 Studies and Publications

PU30 Pilot Data:

- BMI and AC Improvements (Accelerometer)*
- Relationship b/t AC and School Demographics
- Impact of Intervention on Changes in Fitness and Academic Outcomes

Year 1 PU30 Survey Data: >70% Statewide Response Rate

- Facilitators & Barriers: Qualitative Teacher Report*
- Opportunities Across Race/Ethnicity, Geography & School Size
- Relationship b/t PA opportunities for Students & Staff
- Characteristics of Non-Responders

PU30 Training Evaluation

- Impact on BMI, MVPA, AC
- Virtual vs In-Person

Year 2 PU30 Follow Up Survey Data

- PA Environment Improvements
- Trained vs Untrained Academic Achievement

Nutrition Updates

Strong4Life Cafeteria Project

2500+ School Cafeteria Staff Trained

Golden Radish Farm to School Awards

- DPH, DAg, DOE, Governor's Office
- 30 Districts Awarded October 2015, 53 in 2016!

Farm to Pre-School Coalition

- Georgia Organics Organizing and Building
- Quarterly Meetings
- Strategic Plan 2016

Growing Fit Early Care Training and Toolkit

200+ Early Care Directors/Staff Trained

Healthcare Updates

Collective Impact WIC Work Group Formed

- Partners from across Georgia engaged
- Attended National WIC Conference
- Identifying innovative ways to increase participation and fruit and vegetable consumption/redemption rates

WIC Strong4Life Motivational Interviewing Provider Program

- 100% WIC Staff trained
- Champion program and continued MI training in 2017
- Gwinnett County provider pilot with FHIR technology

Georgia 5-Star Hospital Initiative

- 37 Birthing Hospitals formally engaged
- https://dph.georgia.gov/georgia-5-star

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Obesity Coding Training

Available to Providers as of early 2016

Communication and Marketing Updates

Healthy Georgia Awards

- First annual award ceremony on October 10th
- Co-Hosted by LT Governor's office and Georgia Shape
- 4 Categories: Community, Non-Profit, School Districts, Corporate
- To learn more visit <u>Georgiashape.org</u>

Georgia Shape Social Media

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter

Power Up for 30 Day: September 30, 2016

- New pledges and success stories
- Visit social media pages for photos!

QUESTIONS?

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GeorgiaShape.org



TeleDermatology Public/Private Telemedicine Initiative

Suleima Salgado, MBA
Telehealth & Telemedicine Director, DPH

Jean O'Connor, JD, DrPH Chronic Disease Prevention Director, DPH

Skin Cancer

- 2 + million new cases in 2012
- All age groups are getting more
- The most common cancer of the body
- Basal cell carcinomas > Squamous cell carcinoma > > Melanoma (MM)

Melanoma

- Accounts for 4% cases
- The only cancer that is so small (less than a size of a dime) that can kill a person
- If caught early, curable (>90%)
- If caught late, there is virtually no cure



Basal & Squamous Cell Carcinomas

- Rarely kills
- Grows slowly but relentlessly
- Can invade important structures of the body
- May need more expensive procedures to remove



Emory's Role in Skin Cancer

Winship Cancer Center- Only National Cancer Institute (NCI)—designated cancer center in Georgia; multi-disciplinary cutaneous oncology groups

Department of Dermatology's vision to expand access

Teledermatology (Store-and-forward model)

TeleDermatology: Atlanta VA Medical Center

- Gives veterans access to dermatology
- 400 consults per month
- 1 business day turn-around
- 57% do not need to come in (Saves on unnecessary worry, time off from work, expense in getting to specialist)

TeleDermatology

 DPH partnership with Emory University and Employers Like Me to conduct a pilot project offering telehealth consultations with a Board Certified Dermatologist (4/13 & 4/14, 2016)

Demonstrate innovation & collaboration

- Increase access to medical care for all Georgians
- Collaboration between large employers, public health, and academic medical center has not been demonstrated to date
- Enable large employers to help their employees take preventative measures

– Pilot Data for:

- Establish feasibility
- Identify training needs
- Preliminary outcomes
- Apply for funding (PCORI, NIH, AHRQ)



TeleDermatology



Eligible patient presents with skin lesion of concern



Public Health nurse submits a teledermatology consult via DPH mobile telehealth platform



Remote
dermatologist
reviews images and
sends findings and
recommendations
electronically to NP
or PA for
consultation with
patient via DPH
mobile telehealth
device

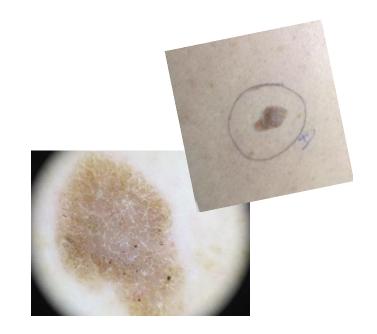


Licensed NP or PA
utilizes video to
discuss
dermatologist
findings with pt and
develops a
treatment and
follow up plan for
the patient

New questions, responses, and updates

TeleDermatology

- Langdale Industries and Lowndes
 County Government were the
 employers selected to participated in
 the project.
- 44 individuals (Lowndes County: 20;
 Langdale: 24) received a worksite
 Telehealth dermatology consultation
- Chronic Disease and Cancer nurses staffed clinic along with Telehealth team
- 92% (N=36) of participants were first time Telehealth consultation recipients





TeleDermatology Partners

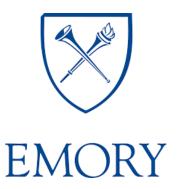












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DEMONSTRATION

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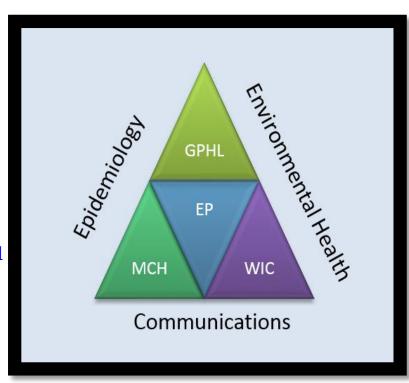
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Zika Concept of Operations

Jennifer Burkholder, RN, MSN, MPH
Zika Response Coordinator, and
Deputy Chief Nurse of Emergency Preparedness, DPH

DPH ZIKA RESPONSE INVOLVES NEARLY ALL PROGRAMS

- Communications
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology
- Laboratory
- Maternal Child and Health Programs (MCH)[1]
- Refugee Health
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)



¹¹ MCH Programs at DPH include: Family Planning, Children First, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Perinatal Health.

Georgia Department of Public Health

Zika Virus Preparedness and Response Plan



Will be published on DPH website soon.

ZIKA CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

GOING THROUGH CLEARANCE PROCESS

Georgia Department of Public Health 2 Peachtree St NW Atlanta, GA 30303 http://dph.georgia.gov

Concept of Operations (CONOPS) Plan Version 1.1 Revised 08/09/2016

Departmental Planning for Zika

- Pregnancy and Birth Defects Registry
- Linkage to Vital Records
- Family Planning Considerations
- Zika Pregnancy Kits



Medicaid Coverage for Insect Repellent

FFS Medicaid (404) 656-4044

One prescription for insect repellent per month, purchased at a pharmacy.

OFF Deep Woods 98% DEET Spray	REPEL Sport 40% DEET Liquid Assorted Sizes	Coleman 100 Max 98.11% DEET Liquid Assorted Sizes	Coleman Skinsmart IR3535 Liquid
OFF Deep Woods 25% DEET Spray Assorted Sizes	REPEL Sport 25% DEET Aerosol Assorted Sizes	Coleman Dry Insect Repellent 25% DEET	Coleman Skinsmart IR3535 Spray
OFF Deep Woods 25% DEET Aerosol Assorted Sizes	REPEL 100 98.11% DEET Liquid Assorted Sizes	Coleman Sport Insect Repellent 40% DEET Spray	Coleman Botanicals Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus Liquid
OFF Deep Woods 30% DEET Aerosol	REPEL Hunter 25% DEET Aerosol	Ultrathon Insect Repellent 34.34% DEET Spray	NATRAPEL 12H 20% Picaridin Liquid
Maxi DEET Spray 98.11% DEET Assorted Sizes	REPEL Insect Repellent 20% DEET Spray	Ultrathon Insect Repellent 34.34% DEET Lotion	NATRAPEL 12H 20% Picaridin Spray
Cutter Backwoods 25% DEET Liquid	REPEL Insect Repellent 30% DEET Aerosol	OFF Deep Woods 25% DEET Wipes	Cutter Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus Liquid
Cutter Backwoods 25% DEET Aerosol Assorted Sizes	REPEL Insect Repellent 20% DEET Lotion	REPEL Insect Repellent 30% DEET Wipes	

Amerigroup 1-800-600-4441 1-800-855-2880(TTY)

One bottle of insect repellent at no cost with a prescription once every 30 days, purchased at a pharmacy.

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Product	Ounces
Cutter Backwoods 25% DEET Spray	6.0 oz.
OFF! Deep Woods Dry 25% DEET Spray	4.0 oz.
OFF! Deep Woods 25% DEET Spray	6.0 oz.
Repel Sportsmen 25% DEET Spray	6.5 oz.
Repel Sportsmen Max 40% DEET Spray	6.5 oz.
Natrapel 20% Picaridin	5.0 oz.
Sawyer Insect Repellent 20% Picaridin	4.0 oz.

Peach State Health Plan 770-543-8791

One bottle of insect repellent per transaction, up to twice a month with a prescription, purchased at a pharmacy. The pharmacy fills the prescription under the retail pharmacy benefit and member pays applicable copay.

Product	Ounces
Ultrathon 23.75% DEET Aerosol	6.0 oz.
Ultrathon 34% DEET Lotion	2.0 oz.
OFF! Deep Woods 25% DEET Spray	4.0 oz.
OFF! Deep Woods Dry 25% DEET	4.0 oz.

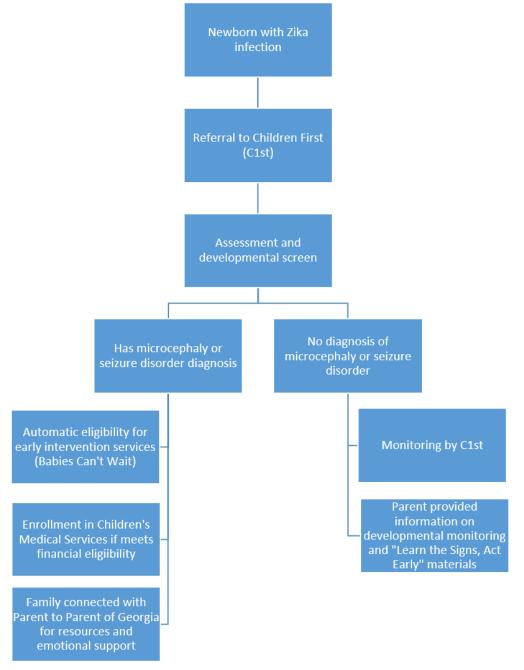
WellCare 1-866-231-1821 1-877-247-6272 (TTY)

OTC items are available as part of member's \$12 monthly benefit. (No prescription necessary.)

Order online or by phone

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	Ounces	Product	Ounces	Value
	6.0 oz.	Cutter Backwoods 25% DEET	6.0 oz	\$11
	2.0 oz.	Bug X Repellent 30% DEET	2.0 oz.	\$5
	4.0 oz.	Bug X Repellent 30% DEET	4.0 oz.	\$8
	4.0 oz.	Bug X Repellent 30% DEET	6.0 oz.	\$12

Medicaid clients who receive benefits through AmeriGroup, Peach State Health Plan and Fee-for-Service-Medicaid (FFS) will need a prescription from their physician or health care provider for insect repellent. The prescription must be presented to a pharmacist for purchase at a pharmacy.

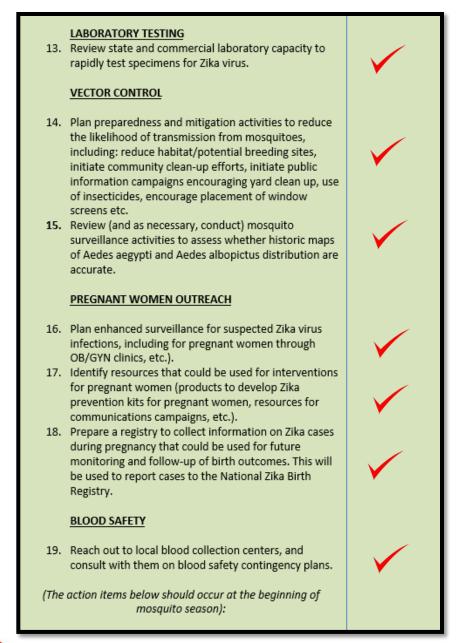


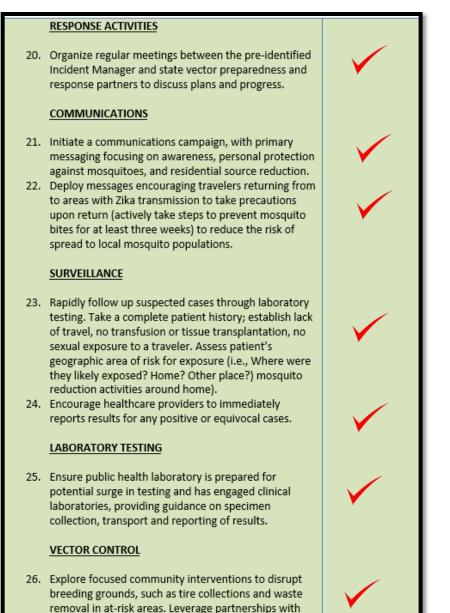
WE ARE CURRENTLY IN PHASE 1: MOSQUITO SEASON

Stage	Phase Level	Transmission Risk Category	
Pre-incident	0	Preparedness: Vector present or possible in the state	
	1	Mosquito Season: Aedes aegypti or Aedes albopictus mosquito biting activity. Introduced travel-related, sexually, or other bodily fluid transmitted cases.	
Suspected/Confirmed Incident	2	Confirmed Local Transmission: Single, locally-acquired case, or cases clustered in a single household and occurring < 2 weeks apart.	
Incident/Response	3	Confirmed Multiperson Local Transmission: Zika virus illnesses with onsets occurring ≥ 2 weeks apart but within an approximately 1 mile (1.5 km) diameter.	

Stage	Level 1	Category	CDC Recommended Activities	Action Steps and Notes
	0	Preparedness: Vector present or possible in the state	 The governing officials should appoint a senior representative to coordinate Zika response efforts. Pre-identify an incident manager. Secure surveillance and control resources necessary to enable emergency response if needed. 	
Zika Preparedness Phase 0-1	1	Mosquito Season: Aedes aegypti or Aedes albopictus mosquito biting activity. Introduced travel- related or sexually transmitted cases	 Ensure coordination with state public health officials so vector control and human surveillance activities can be linked. Review state and local mosquito control programs and assess capacity and capability. Review (or develop as needed) the state vector-borne disease preparedness and response plan, and tailor as appropriate for Zika. Review preparedness plans to ensure emergency rapid hiring and contracting processes are in place, e.g. vector control surveillance and response. Review plans with relevant response partners, identify gaps in preparedness, and develop a plan for improvement. COMMUNICATION Prepare a communication campaign for pregnant women, travelers, healthcare providers, and the public to raise awareness of Zika virus. Include messaging on the risk for sexual transmission, and steps persons can take to prevent it. Update scripts for state call centers to include Zika messaging SURVEILLANCE 	
Zika Prepa			 Enhance surveillance for travel-associated Zika cases and possible sexual transmission from travel caes. Reach out to clinicians in the state and provide guidance for management and testing of possible cases. 	

STATE ACTION PLAN PHASE 0-1 (CURRENT PHASE)





local governments and non-profits for support.

STATE ACTION PLAN PHASE 0-1 (CURRENT PHASE)

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35. Conduct intensified larval and adult mosquito control in a 150-yard radius (or other boundary, as deemed appropriate) around case-patient home, including residential habitat reduction (trash cleanup, etc.) and outdoor space spraying. Although likely not needed in most areas, in areas where A/C and screens aren't widely available, consider offering homeowners indoor residual spraying (IRS).

PREGNANT WOMEN OUTREACH

- Deploy targeted communication, surveillance, and monitoring programs for pregnant women in the county/jurisdiction.
- Deploy the registry of Zika cases during pregnancy for monitoring and follow-up of birth outcomes.

BLOOD SAFETY

- 38. Notify local blood collection agencies for awareness.
- Review CDC toolkit for investigation of transfusiontransmitted infection.

STATE ACTION PLAN PHASE 2: CONFIRMED LOCAL TRANSMISSION

Considerations for Determining Geographic Areas

for 7ika Virus Interventions

Human factors

- Number of cases identified and whether the incidence of cases is increasing or decreasing
- Known or suspected links between cases (e.g., multiple infections in a household, which may
 reflect a single prior transmission episode, are of less concern than cases scattered in a
 neighborhood), including ruling out sexual or other bodily fluid associated transmission
- Geographic distribution of cases in an area (e.g., clustered cases in an area would suggest a higher intensity of transmission)
- Population density
- Privacy concerns (i.e., ensuring that individual case patients cannot be identified)

Mosquito surveillance and control factors

- Current vector surveillance data
- History of Ae. aegypti or Ae. albopictus in the area
- Presence of Ae. aegypti (greater concern) or Ae. albopictus (less concern)
- Mosquito breeding season remaining
- Vector control interventions of sufficient intensity likely to eliminate infection incidence in areas where case exposure likely occurred

Environmental and ecologic factors

- History of local dengue or chikungunya virus transmission in the area
- Area is within estimated geographic range of Ae. aegypti or Ae. albopictus
- Area is below 2000 meters in elevation (elevation above which conditions are not conducive to transmission)
- Current or projected temperature supports vector activity
- Cases identified early (which are of more concern) or late (which are of less concern) in mosquito season

Mosquito Surveillance



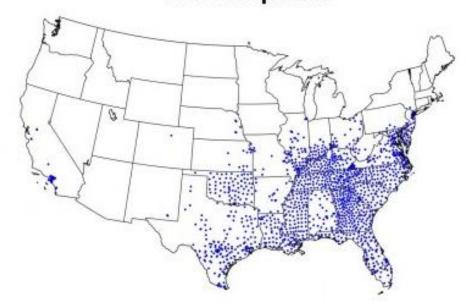


Aedes aegypti 250 200 # mosquitoes 150 100 50 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

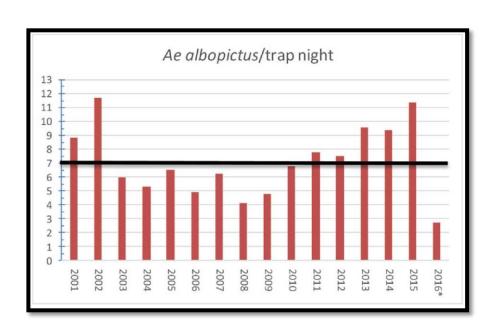
Ae aegypti

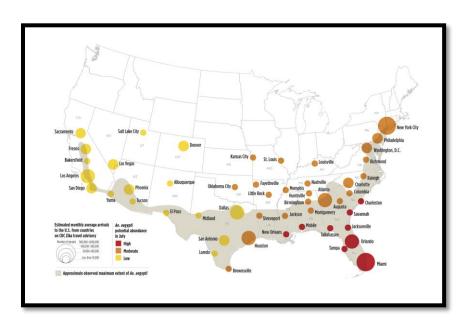


Ae. albopictus



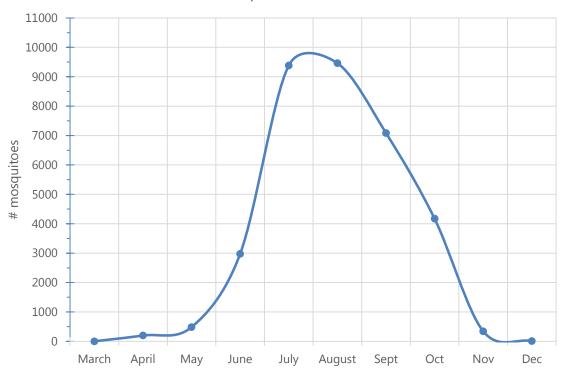
Aedes albopictus Population





Georgia has the competent mosquito vectors.

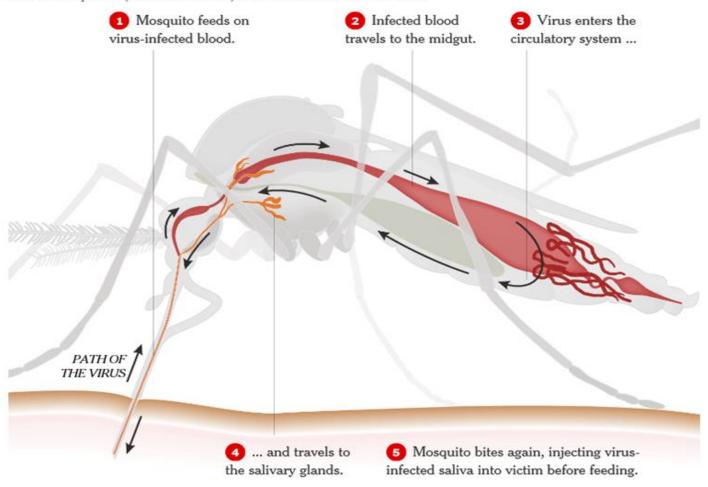
Aedes albopictus (2001-2016)



Month	# Mosquitoes	Average # Mosquitoes
March	1	0.1
April	199	12.4
May	484	30.3
June	2977	186.1
July	9384	586.5
August	9461	591.3
Sept	7086	442.9
Oct	4171	260.7
Nov	343	21.4
Dec	10	0.6
Grand Total	34116	2132.3

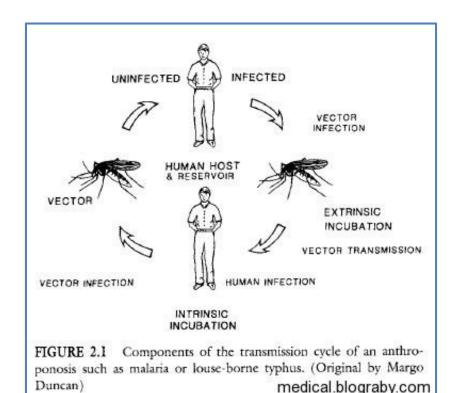
How Mosquitoes Spread Zika

The Aedes aegypti mosquito is thought to be responsible for most of the spread of Zika. The virus is carried by female mosquitoes (males do not bite) that have fed on infected blood.

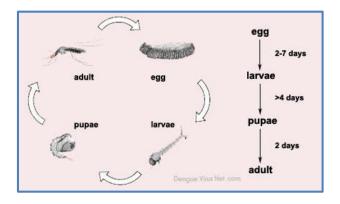


By Sarah Almukhtar and Mika Gröndahl | Sources: Dr. W. Augustine Dunn; Oxitec; The Anatomical Life of the Mosquito, R. E. Snodgrass

ZIKA Transmission-Ae. aegypti







Vertical transmission does not seem to be a component to the spread of ZIKV, primary protection comes from avoiding mosquito bites

Environmental Health (EH)

Zika Virus Prevention + Control

Public Health Entomologist

- Complaint Response
- Mosquito Surveillance
- Public Education

New Vector Surveillance Staff

- Communication
- Regional Approach
- Surveillance
- Education
- Emergency Vector Control



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Public Health Service

Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC) Atlanta, GA 30341-3724

August 22, 2016

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Dear Ms. Burkholder,

We would like to thank you for your cooperation in support of the Migrant Farm Workers Project. We appreciate the assistance that you and your staff provided in organizing and coordinating interviews with key staff and farm workers. The focus group and key informant interviews conducted in southern Georgia will provide important insights into migrant farm workers understanding and use of measures to prevent Zika transmission.

We are also grateful for the work of Napolean Butler, Vector Surveillance Coordinator, for setting mosquito traps near the farms we visited in Colquit and Decatur Counties.

We hope that this formative research will benefit the community you serve with dedication. We anticipate completing a final report by the end of September 2016 and will be happy to provide you with a copy. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at (404) 498-0417.

Sincerely yours,

Holly A. Williams, PhD Principal Investigator

Kendra Hatfield-Timajchy

Kendra Hatfield-Timajchy, PhD, MPH, MA Co-Principal Investigator Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Zika Global Migration Task Force

cc: Napolean Butler

CDC Migrant Worker Zika Study

Zika State Agency Meeting

August 29, 2016

12:30 PM	Briefing Room will be open	
1:00 PM	Introductions	
1:15 PM	Opening Remarks	J. Patrick O'Neal, MD
		Director of Health Protection
1:30 PM	Epidemiology Briefing	Cherie L. Drenzek, DVM, MS
	Core Zika Activities: Health Surveillance & Epidemiologic	State Epidemiologist
	Investigation	Director, Epidemiology Section
2:00 PM	Environmental Health Briefing	Chris G. Kumnick
	Core Zika Activities: Vector Surveillance & Mitigation	Director, Environmental Health
	Planning	
2:30 PM	Communications Briefing	Nancy Nydam
	Core Zika Activities: Communication & Community Outreach	Director, Communications
2:45 PM	DPH Zika Response Plan Overview	Jennifer Burkholder, RN, MSN, MPH
	Core Zika Activities: Concept of Operations	Deputy Chief Nurse of Emergency Preparedness
		Zika Response Coordinator
3:00 PM	Maternal and Child Health Briefing	Seema Csukas, MD, PhD
	Core Zika Activities: Pregnant Woman Outreach and Family	Medical Director, Maternal and Child Programs
	Planning in the Context of Zika	Division of Health Promotion
3:15 PM	Q & A : OPEN DISCUSSION	
3:45 PM	Wrap-up	

DPH Weekly Zika Calls

Every Monday 4:30 - 5:00 PM

AGENDA	SEPTEMBER 12, 2016	4:30 - 5:00 PM		CALL IN: 1-888-808-692 PASSCODE: 3217840
FACILIATATOR	Jennifer Burkholder, DPH Zika Response	Coordinator		
STATE PUBLIC HEALTH ATTENDEE:	DPH Commissioner Director of Health Protection Chief of Staff Environmental Health Director Other State Attendees:			
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OTHER AGENCY	GEMHSA □ GMA □ Emory □ Me	osquito Control	CCG 🗆	
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SAVE THE DATE!

Georgia Department of Public Health



Zika Preparedness & Response Workshop

with Special Guest Ron Chapman

State and District Collaboration Workshop

Agenda with scenario-based workshop goals and objectives to follow.

Who: District EP, Epi, EH, PIO

When: October 6th, 2016
Where: Macon, Georgia

To view location details and to RSVP, visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dphzikaworkshop

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Zika Virus: Epidemiology Update

Cherie Drenzek, DVM, MS State Epidemiologist, DPH

Overview

- Zika Science Update
- Global Epidemiology
- National Epidemiology
- Georgia Epidemiology + Surveillance



Zika: Science Update



- A recent case report in Italy demonstrated Zika virus to persist in the semen of a symptomatic male for 188 days; other recent case reports demonstrated Zika sexual transmission among asymptomatic individuals and from women to men.
- These findings have informed new practical recommendations about Zika transmission risk periods. WHO now recommends that both women and men who are returning from Zika-affected areas abstain or practice safe sex for **6 months**, even if they're not trying to conceive and regardless of symptoms (CDC guidance under review).
- A new study has found Zika virus in the eyes and the tears of infected laboratory mice (unknown whether this represents another route of human transmission).
- Recent study in Brazil documented sensorineural hearing loss to be relatively common among infants with congenital Zika infection; all also had microcephaly (loss can be delayed and progressive, so should receive ongoing follow up).

Zika Virus: Global Epidemiology

- Since May 2015, Zika virus has spread from Brazil to 48 countries in the Americas.
- In addition, outside the Americas, active Zika transmission is ongoing in 11 other countries worldwide (recent large outbreak in Singapore).
- On September 2, the WHO announced that the global Zika outbreak will maintain its designation as a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)" because of the spread and the continued research gaps.



Zika Virus: National Epidemiology

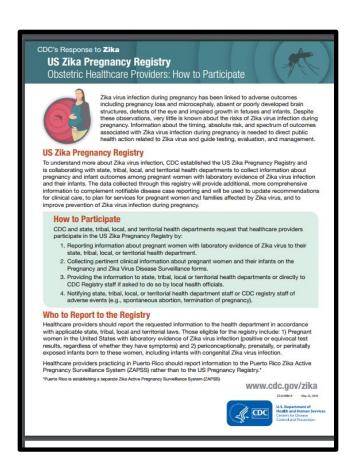
- Currently, 2,920 travel-associated Zika cases have been reported in the continental U.S. and 1 lab-acquired infection.
- 56 **locally-acquired** Zika cases reported in Florida, primarily in Miami's Wynwood area and Miami Beach.
- 7 cases of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)
 (post-Zika infection) have been confirmed in continental U.S. and 23 instances of sexual transmission of Zika.
- U.S. Territory of Puerto Rico experiencing extensive <u>local</u> transmission of Zika (about 16,000 cases; 31 cases of GBS).





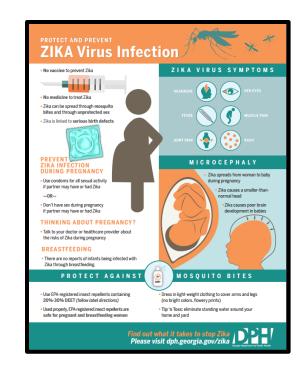
U.S. Zika Pregnancy Registry

- 671 pregnant women in the continental U.S. have lab evidence of Zika infection and are being followed in the CDC U.S. Zika Pregnancy Registry, which tracks any adverse pregnancy outcomes and the infants up to 12 months after delivery.
- So far in continental U.S.,CDC has documented 17 live-born infants with Zika-related birth defects and 5 pregnancy losses involving Zika-related birth defects.



Zika: DPH Surveillance Goals

- Priority Surveillance Goals
 - Document travel-associated spread to new areas (so local transmission to mosquitoes can be mitigated).
 - Most important population at risk: identify, test, and evaluate pregnant women who traveled to areas with Zika virus transmission (or whose sexual partners traveled).
 - Rapid ascertainment of cases of microcephaly and other birth defects potentially associated with Zika virus infection in pregnancy and referral to services.



Zika: Laboratory Testing



- <u>Priority population for testing</u>: All pregnant women in the United States should be asked about possible Zika virus exposure (travel or sex) during each visit, to see if Zika testing warranted.
- The Georgia Public Health Laboratory performs RT-PCR testing to detect Zika genetic material and serology for IgM.
- <u>Commercial Zika Testing</u>: FDA has issued EUA for 7 commercial PCR tests and 1 IgM serologic assay.
- CDC recently sent guidance to all commercial labs performing Zika serology to remind them that <u>positive IgM results do not confirm Zika</u> infection and must be confirmed by PRNT at CDC (only through DPH).
- Recommend that healthcare providers still contact DPH Epidemiology to triage/facilitate Zika testing, CDC confirmatory testing, and interpretation of results.

Zika Epidemiology/Response in Georgia

- In Georgia, since January, DPH Epidemiology has triaged about 1,600 Zika clinical inquiries.
- Facilitated Zika testing at our Georgia Public Health Laboratory for about 980 persons (~65% among pregnant women), including those with travel to affected areas of Miami, Florida.
- We developed an electronic module in SendSS to track Zika testing and case management (adaptation of our Ebola monitoring module)
- No local Zika transmission in Georgia. To date, we have documented 80 travel-related Zika infections; about 65% in metro Atlanta.
- We counsel suspect and confirmed cases to strictly avoid mosquito bites here in Georgia (for 3 weeks after travel), to prevent sexual transmission of Zika, and to practice Tip-N-Toss around their properties.

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Closing Comments

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The next Board of Public Health meeting is currently scheduled on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 @ 1:00 PM.

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