



**Guidance for Providers Regarding Evaluation and Testing of Persons  
with Probable Exposure to Zika virus  
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Many countries in the Americas are having simultaneous outbreaks of arboviral diseases causing febrile illness with rash, myalgia, or arthralgia. Agents include dengue, chikungunya, and Zika viruses. Patients with symptoms consistent with Zika virus disease should also be evaluated for the other two agents because these agents strongly cross-react. No commercial assay is currently available for detecting Zika virus, which is tested at CDC. Testing is done at CDC and must be coordinated through the local health jurisdiction.

**Criteria for testing – person must have travel to a risk area and meet any one of the following criteria:**

Check the CDC web site for current risk areas: (<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/>)

1. At least two consistent symptoms: acute onset of fever, maculopapular rash, arthralgia, or conjunctivitis, during or within 2 weeks of last travel date to a risk area  Yes  No
2. Asymptomatic pregnant woman or woman with fetal loss with serum specimen collected 2-12 weeks after return from travel during pregnancy  Yes  No
  - a. If fetal ultrasounds detect microcephaly or intracranial calcifications, pregnant women who originally tested negative for Zika virus infection or who were not tested following travel should be retested for Zika virus infection. Also consider amniocentesis for Zika virus testing.
3. Baby born to woman with travel to risk area during pregnancy with either maternal positive or inconclusive test result for Zika virus or infant microcephaly\* or intracranial calcifications  Yes  No

\*When evaluating possible congenital Zika virus infection, microcephaly is defined as occipitofrontal circumference <3<sup>rd</sup> percentile, based on standard charts for sex, age, and gestational age at birth. If occipitofrontal circumference is ≥3<sup>rd</sup> percentile but notably disproportionate to body length, or if central nervous system deficits exist, further evaluation for Zika virus infection might be considered.

**Laboratory Testing**

If dengue and/or chikungunya are possibilities, a separate specimen should be sent to a commercial laboratory for more rapid results. If dengue infection is possible, advise the patient to avoid aspirin and NSAIDs.

**Obtain the following information in addition to patient name and date of birth:**

- Travel locations (countries/cities) and dates (departure/return)
- Onset date and consistent symptoms (fever, maculopapular rash, arthralgia, conjunctivitis), if symptomatic
- Dates for previous vaccination for yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, or tick-borne encephalitis
- Pregnancy status and either due date or current weeks gestation if applicable

**Obtain appropriate specimen(s):**

- Serum (0.25 mL minimum, 2mL preferred) spun down in a red or tiger top (serum separator) tube, and frozen to -70°C unless for a perinatal case
- For perinatal cases collect maternal serum **and** as many of the following as applicable and available: amniotic fluid, fixed placenta and umbilical cord tissue, frozen placental tissue and umbilical cord tissue, umbilical cord serum or infant serum (0.25 mL) within 2 days of birth. For still births, contact your LHJ.
- All specimens require two patient identifiers, both on the specimen label and the submission form
- **Submission form:** <http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/5230/302-017-SerVirHIV.pdf>

**Testing is arranged through the local health jurisdiction, which must approve specimen submission to CDC.**

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1200/LHJ%20Agency%20Directory.pdf>

**The following form MUST be completed and delivered to the LHJ for approval prior to specimen submission.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Zika Virus Intake Form

<b>PATIENT</b>	Last name: _____ First name: _____ DOB: _____ Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female County: _____ Patient Address: _____ Phone Number: _____									
<b>SUBMIT BY</b>	Physician / Hospital / Lab / Clinic name: _____ Contact name: _____ Phone: _____									
<b>SPECIMEN</b>	Date of Specimen Collection ( <i>if asymptomatic pregnant woman, must be 2-12 weeks after travel</i> ): _____ Shipping date: _____ Specimen Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Serum <input type="checkbox"/> Amniotic Fluid <input type="checkbox"/> CSF <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed tissue <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen tissue <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____									
<b>EPIDEMIOLOGY</b>	Date of Symptom Onset ( <i>if not asymptomatic and pregnant</i> ): _____ Symptoms ( <i>check all</i> ) if patient is not pregnant, must have 2: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fever</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Conjunctivitis</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Arthralgia</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Guillain-Barré Syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Asymptomatic</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Patient pregnant? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, # weeks gestation currently or estimated delivery date: _____ Fetal/infant anomalies: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Unk <input type="checkbox"/> Microcephaly <input type="checkbox"/> Intracranial calcifications <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____									
	<b>Flavivirus Vaccination</b>					<b>Past Arboviral Infection</b>				
		N	Unk	If Yes/date			N	Unk	If Yes/Date	
	Yellow Fever					Yellow fever				
	Japanese Enceph.					Japanese encephalitis				
	Tick-borne Enceph.					Tick-borne enceph.				
	<b>Commercial Labs Ordered</b>					St. Louis encephalitis				
		N	Unk	If Yes/DOC	Lab	Results	West Nile virus			
	CHIK PCR						Dengue			
	CHIK IgM/IgG						Chikungunya			
Deng PCR										
Deng IgM/IgG										
<b>TRAVEL HISTORY</b>	Patient travel to an area with Zika transmission within 14 days prior to symptom onset or within 12 weeks if asymptomatic? <input type="checkbox"/> Unk <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, countries/cities and dates of travel: _____									
	Infant with maternal history of travel to an area with Zika transmission? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> unk <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, countries/cities and dates of travel: _____									
	Patient's sexual partner has history of Zika-like illness within 2 weeks of travel to an area with Zika transmission? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> unk <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, date of symptom onset: _____ AND countries /cities and dates of travel: _____									
<b>NOTES</b>	Notes: _____									

**FAX COMPLETED FORM TO: (509) 249-6628**