



The Zika Virus: What It Is and How to Protect Against It

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Cherie Drenzek, DVM, MS, State Epidemiologist, Georgia Department of Public Health provided an overview of the Zika Virus and its spread, including, what it is, how it is transmitted, and who it affects. Dr. Drenzek discussed how to protect against Zika and how health departments can prepare to recognize, manage and report Zika infections and communicate prevention measures to the public.

According to the CDC, “in May 2015, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued an alert regarding the first confirmed Zika virus infection in Brazil. The outbreak in Brazil led to reports of Guillain-Barre syndrome and pregnant women giving birth to babies with birth defects and poor pregnancy outcomes.” Since then, active Zika infections have been identified in Central America and the Caribbean.

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