

EPI Update for Friday, February 19, 2016
Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology (CADE)
Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Items for this week's EPI Update include:

- **First imported case of Zika virus in Iowa**
- **Meeting announcements and training opportunities**

First imported case of Zika virus in Iowa

An Iowa resident who recently traveled to countries where Zika virus transmission is ongoing has tested positive for the virus. The older adult (61 to 80 years of age) female has a travel history to Central America.

The general public is not at risk of contracting this virus, because the mosquitoes that transmit Zika are not established in Iowa. However, Iowans traveling to areas where there is ongoing Zika virus transmission should take care to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

Healthcare providers suspecting Zika virus infection should contact IDPH's Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology at 1-800-362-2736. CADE staff will consult with the provider to determine whether the case meets the CDC testing criteria. If testing is warranted, CADE will work with the provider to determine which specimen to collect and make arrangements for the courier to pick up collected specimens and deliver them to the State Hygienic Laboratory, where they will be packaged and sent to the CDC for testing.

For more information about Zika, visit www.idph.iowa.gov/ehi/zika or www.cdc.gov/zika/disease-qa.html.

Meeting announcements and training opportunities
None

Have a healthy and happy week!
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