



Tuesday's Tip

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Zika Virus Resources

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This headline-making illness is *not* currently spread locally, but rather was picked up by travelers. None of the Hudson Valley cases of Zika Virus to date were contracted in the United States.

That said, people are concerned about its presence here. With science now proving that serious health consequences are linked to the contraction of the Zika virus- spread by mosquito to human transmission- it's prudent to increase public awareness, and do what we can to prevent further spread of this disease. To help you stay informed, this Tip will direct you to some of the best sources for public health information.

New York State Department of Health has a site devoted to Zika information.

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/zika_virus/

The screenshot shows the New York State Department of Health website. At the top left is the New York State logo. A navigation bar includes links for Services, News, Government, and Local. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with Department of Health, Individuals/Families, Providers/Professionals, Health Facilities, and Search. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: You are Here: Home Page > Diseases & Conditions > Zika Virus. The title is 'Zika Virus'. Under 'Zika Information line', the phone number 1 (888) 364-4723 is listed for Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. The 'Information for the Public' section lists three resources: 'Zika Virus Testing Fact Sheet' (PDF, 89KB), 'Mosquito Bite Prevention for Travelers' (PDF, 210KB), and 'Zika Virus Travel Advisory for Pregnant Women' (color and black and white PDFs, 2MB). Each resource is available in Spanish, Italian, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese, and Haitian Creole. The 'Information for Health Care Providers' section lists 'NYSDOH Zika Virus Information for Health Care Providers'. A 'Frequently Asked Questions' section is also present, with the first question: 'What is NYSDOH and its local health departments doing to protect New Yorkers from Zika virus?'. The answer states that NYSDOH is concerned about returning travelers, particularly pregnant women, and that laboratory testing is available at Wadsworth Laboratories. It also mentions tracking the distribution of Aedes albopictus through enhanced mosquito surveillance.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has detailed information.

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>

The screenshot shows the CDC website page for Zika Virus, specifically the 'ZIKA & PREGNANCY' section. The page features a large image of a pregnant woman with a mosquito icon in the background. The main heading is 'ZIKA & PREGNANCY'. Below the image, there are several informational boxes: 'ABOUT ZIKA VIRUS DISEASE', 'AREAS WITH ZIKA', 'SYMPTOMS, DIAGNOSIS, & TREATMENT', 'FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS', 'PREVENTION', and 'FOR PREGNANT WOMEN'. On the right side, there is a 'Spotlight' section with a link to 'What you should know about Zika virus and sexual transmission', followed by a section titled 'At A Glance - Zika in the U.S. (as of April 13, 2016)'. This section provides statistics for US States and US Territories, including travel-associated cases, locally acquired cases, total cases, pregnant cases, sexually transmitted cases, and Guillain-Barré syndrome cases. A 'What's New' section at the bottom right lists recent updates, including action plans and checklists for pregnant women.

Category	Travel-associated cases	Locally acquired cases	Total cases	Pregnant cases	Sexually transmitted cases	Guillain-Barré syndrome cases
US States	358	0	358	31	7	1
US Territories	4	471	475	58	0	1

If there is important local health information, our local Mid-Hudson Health Departments will provide us with the information we need.

Dutchess County Public Health Updates -

<http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/DBCH/16586.htm>

Ulster County Public Health Notices- <http://ulstercountyny.gov/health/public-health-notices>

Putnam County Health Department - <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/>

Columbia County Department of Health - <https://sites.google.com/a/columbiacountyny.com/health/>

Greene County Public Health - <http://greenegovernment.com/departments/public-health>