What we know

Zika can be passed from a pregnant woman to her fetus.

Infection during pregnancy can cause certain birth defects.

Zika is spread mostly by the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito.

These mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night.

The mosquitoes that can carry Zika are found in some areas of the US.

Because the mosquitoes that spread Zika virus are found throughout the tropics, outbreaks will likely continue.

There is no vaccine or medicine for Zika.

What we don’t know

If there’s a safe time during your pregnancy to travel to an area with Zika

If you do travel and are bitten
  • How likely you are to get Zika
  • How likely it is that your baby will have birth defects from the infection

For more information:
www.cdc.gov/zika