ZIKA AND SEXUAL TRANSMISSION



WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT WE DON'T KNOW.



What we know

- Zika virus can be spread during sex by a man infected with Zika to his partners. This includes vaginal, anal, and oral (mouth-to-penis) sex.
- In known cases of sexual transmission, the men had Zika symptoms. From these cases, we know the virus can be spread when the man has symptoms, before symptoms start, and after symptoms end.
- The virus can stay in semen longer than in blood.



What we don't know



- How long Zika virus can stay in the semen of infected men or spread through sex.
- If men infected with Zika who never develop symptoms can have Zika virus in their semen or spread Zika through sex.
- If a woman can spread Zika virus to her sex partners.

What you should know about Zika and sex.

can cause certain birth defects, take steps to prevent infection during your pregnancy. If you have a male partner who lives in or

Zika virus can be spread during by a man to his partners. Because Zika

has traveled to an area with Zika, protect your pregnancy.

If you have vaginal, anal, or oral sex (mouth-to-penis), use a condom every time during your pregnancy.

with your male partner during your pregnancy.

Don't have sex

have or have had Zika, tell your doctor or healthcare provider about

If you think your male partner may

history

His travel

to prevent mosquito bites

If he took steps

stayed in an area with Zika • If you had

How long he

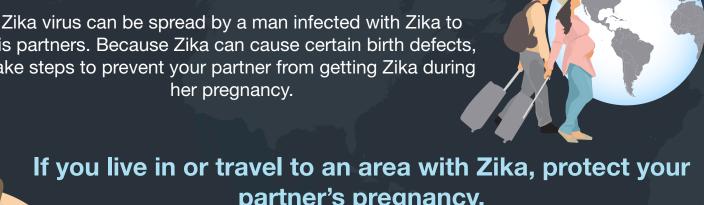
sex without a condom



partner?

Men: Do you have a pregnant

his partners. Because Zika can cause certain birth defects, take steps to prevent your partner from getting Zika during her pregnancy.



partner's pregnancy. If you have vaginal, anal, or oral sex Don't have sex

> (mouth-to-penis), use a condom every time you have sex during the pregnancy. If you think you may have or had Zika, tell



partner during the pregnancy.

with your pregnant

Your travel history How long you stayed

- your doctor or healthcare provider about
- If you took steps to prevent

mosquito bites

If you had sex without a

condom

in an area with Zika

