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Dear Members of the Georgetown University Community:

I [wrote to you earlier in the summer](#) to share updated information and guidance about Zika, the virus transmitted primarily, but not exclusively, by infected mosquito bites. I'm writing to follow up on that message and to provide new information about the Zika virus, as well as resources.

Since I wrote to you in June, we have learned the following about Zika:

- **The major risk of Zika remains pregnant or soon to be pregnant women.**
- **In addition to being transmitted by infected mosquito bites, Zika is sexually transmitted by men and women.**
- **Person to person spread of Zika by mosquito bites has been documented in the continental United States.** The CDC anticipates we will see more of this but not at very high levels.
- **Returning from an area of active Zika mosquito transmission if you did not become ill**—The CDC suggests you protect others by preventing mosquito bites in yourself for three weeks after your return.
- **There remains NO active Zika virus transmission via mosquitoes in the Washington DC region.**
- **For more information and CDC guidance, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>**

Information about Zika is particularly important for those of you who have been in one of the countries or regions where active Zika virus transmission has been documented, or are planning to go to one of these areas. See countries and territories with active Zika transmission [here](#).

For more information, including previous university messages about Zika, frequently asked questions, and additional resources, please visit <https://globalservices.georgetown.edu/zika-info>

The Georgetown Office of Planning and Facilities Management continues to closely monitor the campus and will conduct its standard mosquito mitigation control and take any necessary action to address areas of stagnant water.

**Additional Resources:**

- Georgetown students can seek care or advice at the Student Health Center: <https://studenthealth.georgetown.edu/medical-care> or [202-687-2200](tel:202-687-2200)
- Georgetown University travel and safety advice is here: <https://globalservices.georgetown.edu/travelandsafety>
- Additional travel related information regarding Zika can be found here: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information>
- Additional Zika information: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.htm>

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