

Zika Virus: What Experts Are Saying

"I do not think, although we need to be prepared for it, that we're going to see a diffuse, broad outbreak in the United States because of a number of issues, particularly the conditions in our country ... would not really make that a very likely happening."

—Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Aug. 21, 2016

"CDC has been working 24-7 to protect pregnant women, to support the state and local health departments that are that frontline of defense, to learn as much as we can about the mosquito that can spread the virus and about the virus itself—and to work with other countries to learn what we may be seeing later in the continental U.S."

—Dr. Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director of the CDC

"The Administration is coordinating a whole-of-government effort to ensure that we are taking all available steps to prepare for Zika and work together with state, local, tribal and territorial officials to protect Americans."

—Amy Pope, White House Deputy Homeland Security Advisor and Deputy Assistant to the President

April 1, 2016

"The World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) would like to emphasize that the W.H.O. has not called for any travel and trade restrictions with destinations where the Zika virus is active."

-World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC)

Feb. 2, 2016

"The committee found no public health justification for restrictions on travel or trade to prevent the spread of Zika virus."

-WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan

Feb. 1, 2016

"Health and tourism authorities are working together to inform residents, tourists as well as the industry about the precautions to be taken and the tourism sector is working closely with health authorities to follow WHO prevention recommendations."

-World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Jan. 28, 2016