WHAT IS THE RED CROSS DOING ABOUT ZIKA?

The Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross is working around the clock to respond to the Zika Virus outbreak.

The Red Cross' work includes Public Awareness Campaigns such as PSA’s, Printed Materials and Community Outreach including Townhall Meetings and School Sensitization as well as Educational Forums and Social Media Campaigns.
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WHAT IS ZIKA?
Zika is a virus transmitted by the Aedes mosquito which also transmits Dengue and Chikungunya.

COMMON SYMPTOMS
- RED EYES
- FEVER
- JOINT PAIN
- RASH

WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE ZIKA VIRUS

The primary way that babies and children get Zika is through bites of two types of mosquitoes.

To date, no cases of Zika have been reported from breastfeeding. Because of the benefits of breastfeeding, mothers are encouraged to breastfeed, even in areas where Zika virus is found.

In children older than 2 months, do not apply insect repellent onto a child’s hands, eyes, mouth, or to irritated or broken skin.

Never spray insect repellent directly on a child's face. Instead, spray it on your hands and then apply sparingly, taking care to avoid the eyes and mouth.

PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

There is no vaccine to prevent Zika. The best way to prevent diseases spread by mosquitoes is to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites.

- Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs.
- Cover crib, stroller, and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
- Use insect repellent as directed.
- Do not use insect repellent on babies under 2 months old.
- Control mosquitoes inside and outside your home.

If your child has symptoms, take him or her to see a doctor or other healthcare provider.

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nset is usually 2 - 7 days after the mosquito bite
In 4 people with Zika infection develops symptoms

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