

Rapid Risk Assssement: The risk Correction of Zika virus to Canadians

Source: Public Health Agency of Canada. Rapid Risk Assessment: The risk of Zika virus to Canadians. http://dev. healthycanadians.gc.ca/publications/diseases-conditions-maladies-affections/risks-zika-virus-risques/index-eng.php (Update summary).

- What's new: Several isolated instances of unusual transmission have now been documented; an asymptomatic sexual transmission (likely male-to-female), a likely femaleto-male transmission, and a person-to-person transmission without sexual contact. All of these are thought to be rare modes of transmission, requiring particular circumstances to be realized, but these events demonstrate that they are possible.
- For most infected travellers, ZIKV will have little or no health impact (Low impact, with medium confidence). However, severe outcomes (e.g., Guillain Barré Syndrome) might occur in some affected individuals (High impact, high confidence).
- Based on recent evidence, we assess that there could be Very High impact (with high confidence) to the unborn children of women who become infected with ZIKV while pregnant.
- Canadian recommendations for the prevention and management of ZIKV-disease have been developed by the Committee to Advise on Tropical Medicine and Travel.

Note: This summary reflects the July 2016 update. Rapid Risk Assesments are updated on a regular basis and will be posted at the website above.

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In the pdf of the July 2016 issue of CCDR, the original picture on the cover was found to be incorrect. The picture was replaced by a photo of a boy with measles from the open-access Public Health Image Library of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The change was made July 27, 2016. No changes were needed for the web version of the issue.