

PUBLIC HEALTH 101

ZIKA: A CASE STUDY IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACROSS THE PUBLIC HEALTH CONTINUUM



Lara, who is less than 3-months old and was born with Zika-related microcephaly, is examined by a neurologist at a Brazil hospital. (AP Photo/Felipe Dana, File)

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There are nearly 17,000 domestic cases of Zika virus, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that nearly 1,800 pregnant women in the states and territories have been infected. To date, in the United States alone, more than a dozen babies have been born with microcephaly—a birth defect that causes the brain to stop developing and sometimes, the skull to collapse. Tragically, one of those infants has died. The Administration has declared a public health emergency in Puerto Rico, where experts predict that 25 percent of the island's population, including pregnant women, will become infected with the virus by the end of 2016. And CDC has issued the first-ever domestic travel advisory, warning pregnant women not to travel to areas of Florida where local transmission of Zika is occurring.

As part of National Preparedness Month, this briefing will bring together experts working on the frontlines of the public health continuum to mitigate this public health emergency—from Zika virus surveillance, to vaccine research & development, to maternal, fetal and child health, to supporting individuals with disabilities and their caregivers.

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