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**\*MEDIA ADVISORY\* STATE SURGEON  
GENERAL DR. JOHN ARMSTRONG  
TO TESTIFY BEFORE U.S. CONGRESS ON  
ZIKA VIRUS READINESS**



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**Tallahassee, Fla.**—State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health, Dr. John Armstrong will testify before the United States Congress Transportation and Public Assets Subcommittee on Wednesday. Dr. Armstrong will discuss Florida’s response and preparations to the Zika virus based on CDC guidance to ensure residents and visitors are safe.

**About Dr. John H. Armstrong**

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS, was appointed by Governor Rick Scott as Surgeon General and Secretary of Health for the State of Florida on April 27, 2012. Dr. Armstrong is responsible for protecting and promoting health for all Florida residents and visitors, which includes public awareness of health issues such as mosquito-borne illness, emerging disease threats and HIV/AIDS. Additionally, as a patient undergoing [treatment for colon cancer](#) has made it his priority to make Florida the cancer research capital of the world.

**What: Transportation and Public Assets Subcommittee Hearing: “The Zika Virus: Coordination of a Multi-Agency Response”**

**When:** Feb. 24, 2016 at 2 p.m. EST

**Where:** 2154 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

In an effort to keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware about the status of the Zika virus, Dr. John Armstrong issues a Zika virus update each week day at 2 p.m. All updates can be viewed in the [department’s newsroom site](#). Updates include a CDC-confirmed Zika case count by county and information to better keep Floridians prepared.

For more information on Zika virus, click [here](#).

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