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## PFIZER FOUNDATION GRANTS DOH \$1 MILLION FOR ZIKA RESPONSE



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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, the Florida Department of Health received a grant from the Pfizer Foundation for \$1 million to support our efforts in responding to the Zika virus. One hundred percent of the funds will be used for Zika activities.

“Florida is leading the nation in the fight against Zika and we are grateful for the support the Pfizer Foundation is putting forth to aid us in this effort,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip. “It is encouraging that entities like the Pfizer Foundation recognize the need for funding to ensure we are able to continue to protect the pregnant women in our communities.”

Grant funds will be used for assisting with our ongoing investigations, education efforts, supplies and response to resident and visitor concerns. The department is using part of the funds to purchase additional laboratory equipment and supplies. We will also be using these funds to purchase Zika prevention kits to distribute in Miami-Dade County.

“A challenge like Zika requires every organization to bring forward their resources and expertise to manage health risks that exist for people in affected areas of the country,” said Sally Susman, executive vice president, corporate affairs, Pfizer Inc. “We welcome the opportunity to partner with the Florida Department of Health and healthcare professionals in the state to address today’s health needs while work continues to identify longer-term solutions.”

This grant will help support the mission of the Department to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. For more information on DOH action and federal guidance, please click [here](#).

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

### **About the Florida Department of Health**

The department, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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