Expectations and resources for local Department of Health staff serving as a point-of-contact for pregnant women and infants with Zika

As your county’s Maternal and Child Health Zika Point-of-Contact, your role is to:

Assist pregnant women with Zika…


- Educate pregnant women with Zika on the CDC’s recommendations

- Have contact information for resources available in your county to assist pregnant women

- Assist with referrals to prenatal care and insurance coverage for pregnant women
  - This may include a referral to Healthy Start, an FQHC or other prenatal clinic, the Department of Children and Families or for local determination of Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women
  - If you have questions, please contact your supervisor or Sarah Beard at Sarah.Beard@flhealth.gov

- Confirm linkage to prenatal care has occurred by following-up on referrals

- Communicate with local epidemiology (Epi) staff
  - Epi staff may identify pregnant women with Zika who are not connected to prenatal care. They will provide you with the woman’s contact information so you can assist.
  - Provide new information to Epi staff so they can update blank OB (prenatal care) fields in the Merlin Database system.

Assist infants born with Zika and their families…

- Be familiar with the health risks associated with Zika (such as microcephaly):

- Be familiar with CDC’s guidance on caring for infants born with Zika-related health concerns:

- Have contact information for resources in your county that assist families with infant care

- Assist with referrals to medical and/or developmental care and insurance coverage
  - This may include a referral to the Early Steps program for developmental services or the Department of Children and Families for ongoing Medicaid or Managed Care

- Communicate with local epidemiology (Epi) staff
  - Epi staff may identify infants born with Zika or Zika-related health concerns who are not connected to medical and/or developmental care. They will provide you with the caregiver’s contact information so you can assist.