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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DAILY ZIKA UPDATE



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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – In an effort to keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware about the status of the Zika virus, the department will issue a Zika virus update each week day. Updates will include a Zika case count by county and information to keep Floridians informed and prepared. **In order to keep the public informed, the department has posted our investigation process [here](#).**

There are no new travel-related cases today. There are no new locally acquired cases today.

The total number of Zika cases reported in Florida as of today is 1,259.

Infection Type	Infection Count
Travel-Related Infections of Zika	992
Locally Acquired Infections of Zika	251
Undetermined	16
Pregnant Women with Lab-Evidence of Zika	193

Note, these categories are not mutually exclusive and cannot be added together. Please visit our [website](#) to see the full list of travel-related cases by county.

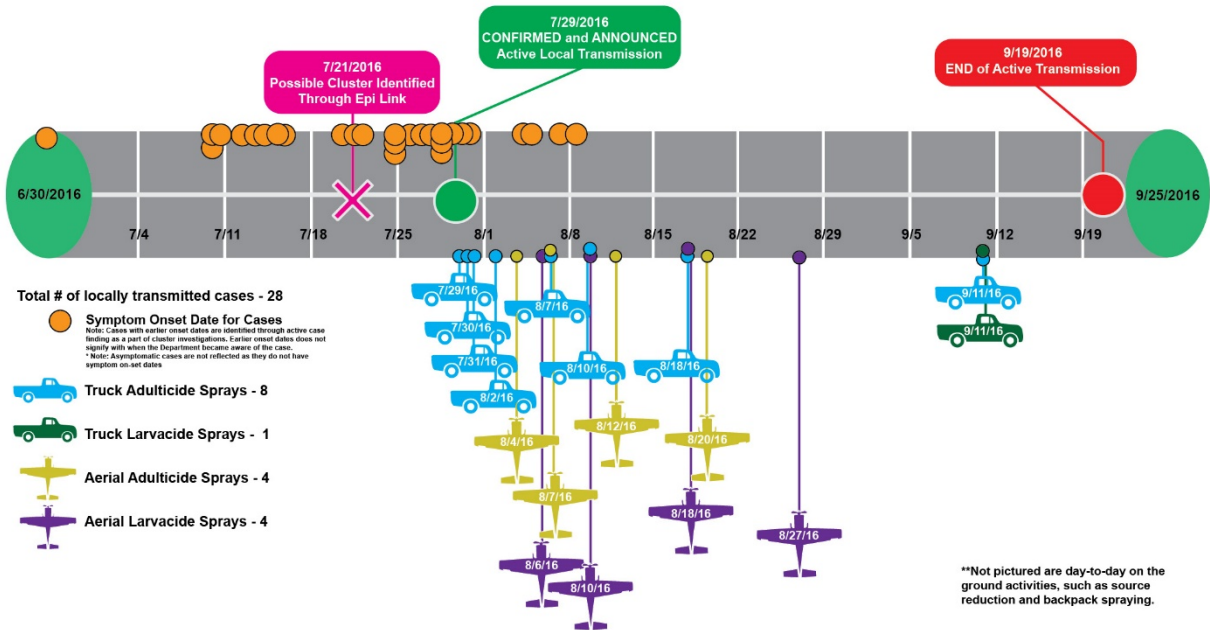
Last week, Governor Rick Scott announced that the department has cleared the Miami Beach area of ongoing, active Zika transmission. The newly cleared area is about 1.5 square miles between 8th and 28th streets. Florida no longer has any identified areas with active Zika transmission, but we will continue to see isolated cases of local transmission so it is important for residents and visitors in Miami-Dade County to remain vigilant about mosquito bite protection.

DOH continues outreach and targeted testing in Miami-Dade County and mosquito abatement and reduction activities are also taking place around the locations that are being investigated.

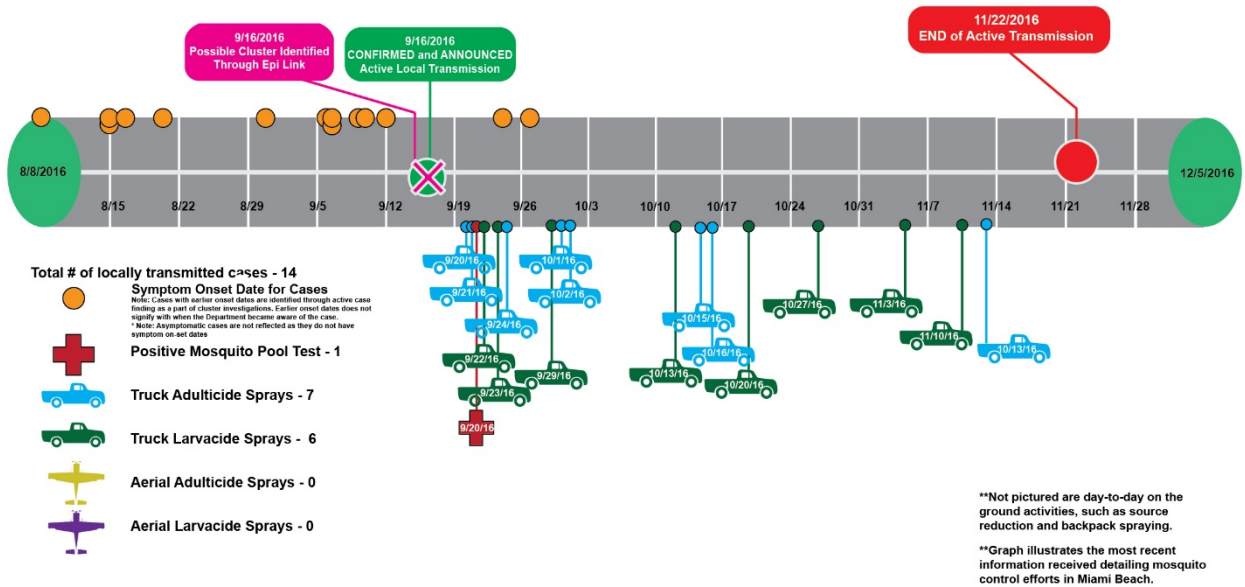
One case does not mean ongoing active transmission is taking place. DOH conducts a thorough investigation by sampling close contacts and community members around each case to determine if additional people are infected. If DOH finds evidence that active transmission is occurring in an area, the media and the public will be notified.

The timelines below are as of Dec. 9. Note: asymptomatic cases are not reflected as they do not have symptom on-set dates.

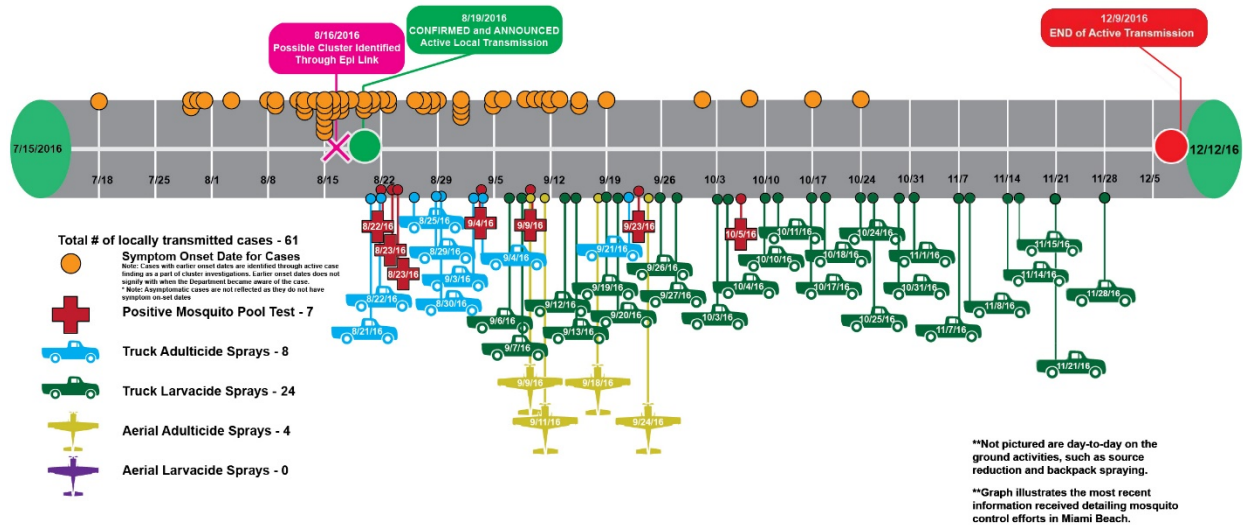
Wynwood Zika Activities Timeline



North Miami Beach Zika Activities Timeline



South Miami Beach Zika Activities Timeline



The department is currently conducting 6 active investigations. The department has closed 46 investigations. Information regarding the investigations can be found [here](#). If investigations reveal additional areas of active transmission, the department will announce a defined area of concern.

The department has conducted Zika virus testing for more than 11,165 people statewide. Florida currently has the capacity to test 5,759 people for active Zika virus and 7,075 for Zika antibodies. At Governor Scott's direction, all county health departments now offer free Zika risk assessment and testing to pregnant women.

The CDC advises pregnant women should consider postponing travel to Miami-Dade County. If you are pregnant and must travel or if you live or work in Miami-Dade County, protect yourself from mosquito bites by wearing insect repellent, long clothing and limiting your time outdoors.

According to CDC guidance, providers should test all pregnant women who lived in, traveled to or whose partner traveled to Miami-Dade County after Aug. 1, 2016. Pregnant women in Miami-Dade County can contact their medical provider or their local county health department to be tested and receive a Zika prevention kit. Additionally, the department is working closely with the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade County to identify pregnant women in Miami-Dade County to ensure they have access to resources and information to protect themselves. CDC recommends that a pregnant woman with a history of Zika virus and her provider should consider additional ultrasounds.

Pregnant women can contact their local county health department for Zika risk assessment and testing hours and information. A Zika risk assessment will be conducted by county health department staff and blood and/or urine samples may be collected and sent to labs for testing. It may take one to two weeks to receive results.

Florida has been monitoring pregnant women with evidence of Zika regardless of symptoms. The total number of pregnant women who have been or are being monitored is 193.

On Feb. 12, Governor Scott directed the State Surgeon General to activate a Zika Virus Information Hotline for current Florida residents and visitors, as well as anyone planning on traveling to Florida in the near future. The hotline, managed by the Department of Health, has assisted 8,121 callers since it launched. The number for the Zika Virus Information Hotline is **1-855-622-6735**.

The department urges Floridians to drain standing water weekly, no matter how seemingly small. A couple drops of water in a bottle cap can be a breeding location for mosquitoes. Residents and visitors also need to use repellents when enjoying the Florida outdoors.

For more information on DOH action and federal guidance, please click [here](#).

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

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