



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...

- Be familiar with the CDC's recommendations on prenatal care considerations for pregnant women with Zika: www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/protect-yourself.html
- Educate pregnant women with Zika on the CDC's recommendations
 - www.cdc.gov/pregnancy/zika/family/index.html (Spanish also available online)
- 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):
 - www.cdc.gov/zika/healtheffects/birth_defects.html
- Be familiar with CDC's guidance on caring for infants born with Zika-related health concerns:
 - www.cdc.gov/pregnancy/zika/testing-follow-up/documents/pediatric-evaluation-follow-up-tool.pdf
- 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.