Jan, 28 2016 White House The Zika Virus

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10:00 am: The President and the Vice President receive the Presidential Daily Briefing

2:35 pm: The President participates in an Ambassador Credentialing Ceremony

5:50 pm: The President departs the White House

7:10 pm: The President delivers remarks at the House Democratic

Issues Conference

9:15 pm: The President arrives at the White House

What is the Zika virus?

The Zika virus is spread primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito. These are the same mosquitoes that spread other viruses like dengue and chikungunya. Only about one in five people infected with the Zika virus will feel sick. In those that do, symptoms are usually mild and can include fever, rash, joint pain and red eye.

Where are people contracting Zika?

People are contracting Zika in areas where Aedes mosquitoes are present, which include South America, Central America and the Caribbean. As the CDC notes, specific areas where the Zika virus is being transmitted are likely to change over time.

Should we be concerned about Zika in the United States?

The U.S. mainland does have Aedes species mosquitoes that can become infected with and spread Zika virus. U.S. travelers who visit a country where Zika is found could become infected if bitten by a mosquito.

With the recent outbreaks in the Americas, the number of Zika virus disease cases among travelers visiting or returning to the United States will likely increase. These imported cases may result in local spread of the virus in some areas of the United States. CDC has been monitoring these epidemics and is prepared to address cases imported into the United States and cases transmitted locally.

The President recently met with CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden and his other health and

his other health and national security advisors to discuss the potential spread of the Zika virus in the U.S. He emphasized the need to accelerate research efforts to make available diagnostic tests, to develop vaccines and therapeutics, and to ensure that all Americans have information about the Zika virus and steps they can take to better protect themselves.

Quote of the Day

"An attack on any faith is an attack on all our faiths."

-- President Obama at the Embassy of Israel" from US Government Source

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