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Resources:

www.dph.georgia.gov/zika

What you should know as a Caregiver!

The summer months are quickly approaching and exposure to the elements of the South, such as mosquitoes, is inevitable. In recent news, awareness has been heightened about the Zika Virus and the potential medical threats associated with exposure to the infected mosquito population. Unfortunately, there are no vaccinations available for prevention and no medication available to treat you once exposed.

We want our foster, adoptive, and relative caregivers to have the latest information in order to keep themselves and all the children for whom they provide care, healthy and safe. Therefore, we have collaborated with the Department of Public Health to provide vital information and instructions on how to protect yourselves and your families. The information provided will explain the Zika Virus outbreak, the types of carrier mosquitoes, and ways to reduce their presence around your home, as well as fun facts for children. We have provided links below to the documents created by the Department of Public Health. Education is the primary method of prevention. Included is a fun fact document for children, an informative document on how to control the mosquito population around your home, and general information that also details ways to protect yourselves from exposure. This information should also be shared with the young adults in your homes. In addition to the documents below you can visit the Department of Public Health website for more Zika Virus facts and updates at <u>www.dph.georgia.gov/zika</u>.

Zika for Children

Mosquito Control

General Information

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