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Hello,

We are here for the Tennessee Department of Health to educate people in your community about the presence of Zika virus in the area. Zika is mostly spread by getting bitten by a certain type of mosquito. A mosquito that bites a person who has Zika can get infected and spread it to another person through bites. Any person that lives in an area where the type of mosquito that spreads Zika lives could catch Zika through a mosquito bite.

Only 1 in 5 people infected with Zika virus will develop symptoms. Symptoms, which begin 3-12 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito, include fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild in healthy adults and may last from several days to a week. Infections of pregnant women have been linked to miscarriage and microcephaly, a congenitally small head in the infant.

The best way to prevent the transmission of Zika is protect oneself from mosquitos. Namely:

1. Use care to avoid daytime-biting mosquitos
2. Wear insect repellent
3. Wear protective clothes
4. Mosquito proof your home
   1. Use screens on windows and doors
   2. Use air conditioning when available
   3. Eliminate standing water in and around your home
      1. Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.
      2. Tightly cover water storage containers (buckets, cisterns, rain barrels) so that mosquitoes cannot get inside to lay eggs.
      3. For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.