ZIKA VIRUS Information

If you suspect your patient may have a case of Zika virus, how should you handle it?

- Physician first is to contact the County's Health Department, see below:
  - Orange County HD # 407-858-1420
  - Seminole County HD # 407-665-3000 or 407-665-3266
  - Osceola County HD # 407-343-2155

- The County Health Department will require the physician to answer the following questions in order to approve testing prior to specimen collection:
  1) If the patient has traveled overseas.
  2) If patient is a female and pregnant, and whether their partner traveled overseas?
  3) If yes, which country (ies) has the patient visited?

- The County Health Department will provide a copy of the Health Department 1847 Form, pre-checked with the tests approved, specimens required, and instructions with regards to sample type and collection, temperature, and information needed prior to sending the sample to Florida Hospital Laboratories Send-out Department. The sample will then be shipped to the State lab for testing.

- Physicians are welcome to send patients to any of our 13 Collection Sites, please refer to our website for locations and hours or operation.

- A completed Health Department 1847 Form and FHL ZIKA Information Form 186.115A* should be sent with the patient. If the sample is collected in the physician office, these forms should be faxed to the Florida Hospital Laboratories Send-out Department: 407-303-7997. Send-outs require these forms prior to sending the sample to the STATE LABORATORY.

- If Dengue and Chikungunya testing has been ordered in addition to Zika testing, insurance information will be collected for billing purposes.

  **Sample Type:**
  - SST Tube or Plain red top tube
  - Urine
  - Sputum

  **Temperature:** Keep Refrigerated

  **Results:**
  - All positive results will be called to the ordering physician by the County Health Department.
  - Negative results will not be reported. The Florida Hospital Laboratories Send-out department will monitor all samples that are sent out, will call the County Health Department to obtain results and call the ordering physician with the negative results. Note: this process could change based upon the volume of tests received.

*FHL ZIKA Information form 186.115A is available through Florida Hospital Laboratories at 407-303-8561 or on-line at FLHospLab.com.