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Initial Guidance on Zika Virus Testing for Non-Pregnant Individuals
And for Pregnant Women and Infants

Dear Colleague:

Please see the attached testing algorithms from the Florida Department of Health for suspected Zika Fever cases.

As with all incidents of emerging infections, guidance will continually be updated as more information is acquired about the disease, including diagnostic steps.

The algorithms currently posted on the DOH website do not contain the following information but will be updated soon and can be accessed here:

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/disease-reporting-and-management/disease-reporting-and-surveillance/documents/zika-testing-algorithm.pdf>

Criteria for Testing:

1. Travel history to an affected country within 14 days
2. Clinical illness consistent with Zika virus disease, two of the following symptoms: fever, rash, arthralgia or conjunctivitis.

If a patient meets criteria for testing please **consult with our office to discuss the facilitation** of the following specimens:

1. A blood specimen collected in a red top or tiger top tube
2. Urine specimen collected in a sterile urine container (10mL)
3. Saliva specimen in a sterile container (1-2mL)

Specimens must be kept refrigerated until transport and transported with cool/gel packs.

If a patient meets criteria for testing and is in the following groups, the DOH-Orange will be requesting daily communication on patient status:

- hospitalized patients
- pregnant women
- patients with Guillain-Barre Syndrome

We will continually provide updated guidance as it is received. Please call our office at 407-858-1420 with any questions.

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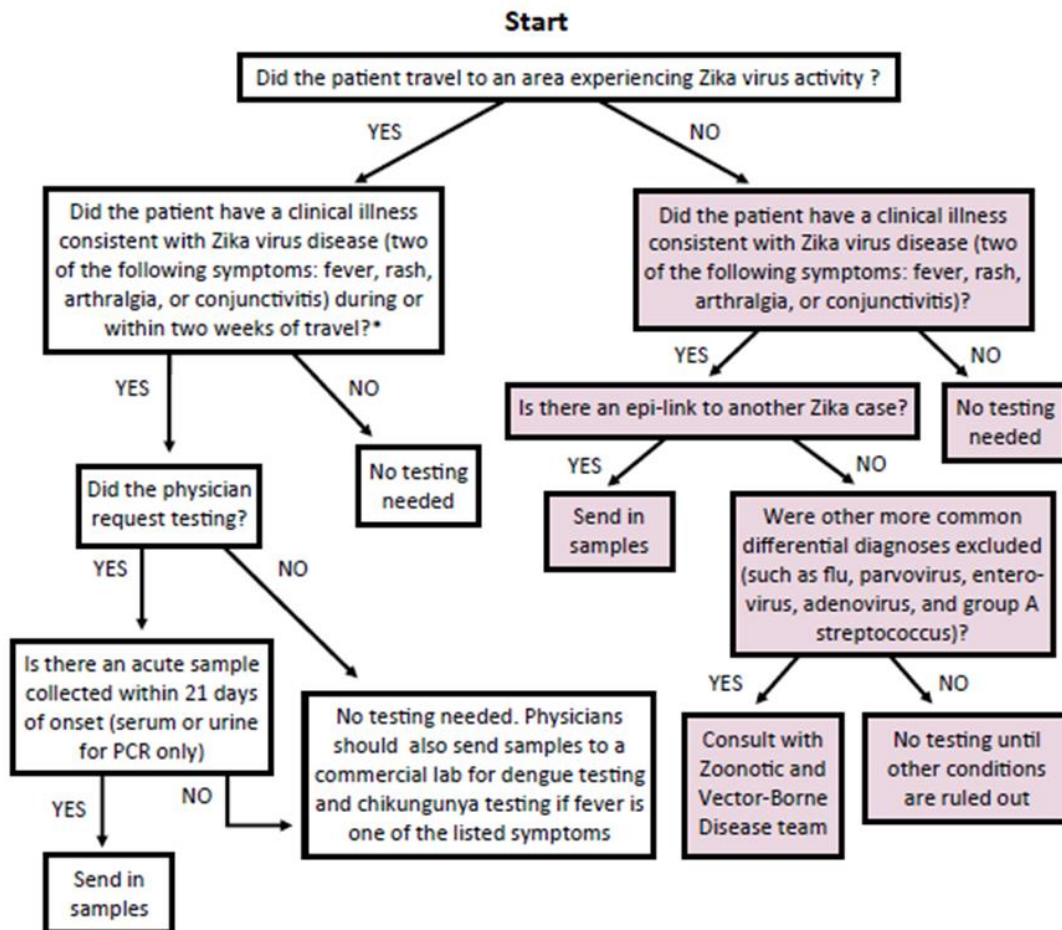
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Zika Fever Testing Algorithm for Non-Pregnant Individuals

(boxes in pink can be used for suspect locally acquired cases)



NOTE: Must get approval from Epidemiology Department prior to sending specimens 407-858-1420

Effective 2/5/2016: Collect serum, urine and saliva (2 ml serum in a red or tiger top tube and 10 ml urine in a sterile container and 2 ml saliva in a sterile container). Keep chilled and ship in cooler with 2 gel packs to ensure integrity of specimens.

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Zika Fever Testing Algorithm for Pregnant Women and Infants

(boxes in blue can be used for evaluation of infants as well)

