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Zika Information Available Online

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency’s Community Health Branch has released a Health Alert to Yolo County medical providers regarding the Zika virus, and has provided the alert and other related information on www.yolohealth.org.

National news stories have highlighted a surge in the number of newborns in South America born with a serious and uncommon birth defect called microcephaly (abnormal smallness of the head, a congenital condition associated with incomplete brain development). The birth defect, as well as miscarriages, are believed to occur in mothers infected with the Zika virus, a germ spread to people through mosquito bites.

“To date, there have been no known cases of Zika infection in Yolo County,” said Yolo County Public Health Officer Dr. Ron Chapman. “We understand that families may be concerned and may seek more information from their medical providers. Our job is to assure that the most up-to-date information is available to medical providers and residents.”

Zika virus is not currently found in mosquitoes in California. Cases have been reported in travelers returning to the U.S. from locations where the infection is currently active. Specific places where Zika cases have been seen include, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Martinique, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Suriname, Venezuela, Barbados, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guadeloupe, St. Martin, Guyana, Cape Verde, Samoa and Puerto Rico.

A factsheet from the California Department of Public Health and other resources including information on how to avoid mosquito bites are available at www.yolohealth.org. For more information on where Zika virus has been found, visit the Centers for Disease Control website at: www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html.

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