



THE COMMUNITY
BLOOD CENTER

Important Blood Safety Update

We would like to provide you with information about the Zika, chikungunya and dengue viruses. These viruses are transmitted to humans by infected mosquitos and may be transmitted to blood recipients by infected donors. While these viruses have been around for decades, they have recently become more prevalent in frequently traveled areas, such as the Caribbean Islands and parts of Florida.

If you have traveled to Mexico, the Caribbean, and or Central or South America* in the last 28 days, we are asking you not to donate today, but to return for your donation more than 28 days after your return to the United States. We are doing this for the following reasons:

- These viral infections are spreading rapidly in the Western Hemisphere, outside the United States and Canada.
- These viral infections are mild in most people, but there is concern that Zika is causing serious brain injury to infants whose mothers have been infected during pregnancy and an increase in cases of Guillain-Barré syndrome, a temporary but serious disorder causing paralysis.
- These viruses can be present in the blood of an infected person who has no symptoms of illness. If you have traveled anywhere in Mexico, Central or South America, the Caribbean, or elsewhere in the tropics (for example, in the islands of the South Pacific) we are asking you not to donate today, but to return for your donation more than 28 days after your return to the United States.
- There is concern that these viruses can be transmitted by blood.

** AMERICAS: Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, US territory, Costa Rica, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Martin, Suriname, U.S. Virgin Islands, Venezuela; OCEANIA/PACIFIC ISLANDS: American Samoa, Samoa; AFRICA: Cape Verde.*

Symptoms

If you develop two or more of the symptoms listed below any time within the next 14 days, please inform the staff member in the screening room or call us at **(920) 419 - 3809**.

- **Fever \geq 100 F**
- Muscle and/or joint aches or weakness
- Eye pain including conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Rash

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO SAFE BLOOD DONATION!

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