

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY:

HOW ZIKA SPREADS

Most people get Zika from a mosquito bite



More members in the community become infected



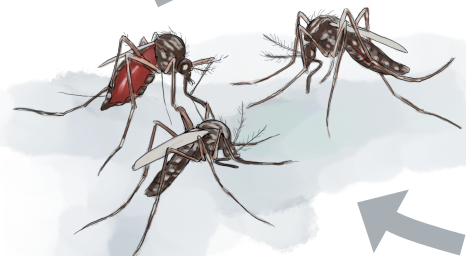
A mosquito bites a person infected with Zika virus



The mosquito becomes infected



A mosquito will often live in a single house during its lifetime



More mosquitoes get infected and spread the virus



The infected mosquito bites a family member or neighbor and infects them

Other, less common ways, people get Zika:



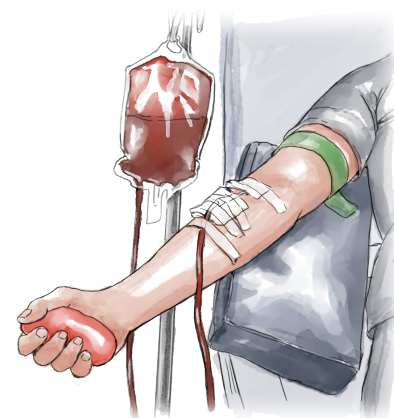
During pregnancy

A pregnant woman can pass Zika virus to her fetus during pregnancy. Zika causes microcephaly, a severe birth defect that is a sign of incomplete brain development



Through sex

Zika virus can be sexually transmitted by a man to his partners



Through blood transfusion

There is a strong possibility that Zika virus can be spread through blood transfusions