

ATTN: Zika virus warning for students/staff planning overseas travel



The Zika virus is currently spreading, primarily in South America. If you are planning overseas travel, please check the FORTH website for the latest information (For Travelers' Health: http://www.forth.go.jp/).

If you are bitten by a mosquito carrying the Zika virus, **Zika fever** is one of the infectious diseases that can develop. There have been reports of this infection being transmitted sexually too. An increase in the number of infants born with microcephaly has been reported in the regions where the Zika virus is prevalent.

If you are traveling to an affected region:

- 1) Take sufficient precautions against mosquito bites.
- 2) If you are pregnant, learn about the risks Zika fever poses before departing.
- 3) It is possible that the virus can be sexually transmitted. Please refrain from engaging in risky behavior.
- 4) Check the FORTH website for current information.

Spreading in Central and South America and nearby regions. (as of February 24, 2016)

