



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Suva (Fiji), Zika Virus Travel Notice

Disease Outbreak

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The U.S. Embassy in Suva informs U.S. citizens that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a travel notice for Fiji regarding the Zika virus. There is growing evidence that Zika virus infection during pregnancy is linked to a serious birth defect called microcephaly and other birth defects in fetuses and babies born to infected mothers. Zika may also be linked to Guillain-Barré syndrome, which can affect individuals of any age or sex. Zika virus is typically a mosquito-borne illness, but there have been confirmed cases of transmission through sexual contact and blood transfusion. CDC reports that travel to elevations higher than 2,000 m (6,500 ft) above sea level is considered to have minimal likelihood for mosquito-borne Zika virus transmission, even within countries reporting active transmission. CDC recommends that women who are pregnant should not travel to areas that are at elevations less than 2,000 m above sea level in countries with ongoing Zika virus transmission. For general information about Zika, please visit the CDC website.

For further information about the security situation in Fiji:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Fiji Country Specific Information.

Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

Contact the U.S. Embassy in Suva, located at 158 Princes Road, Tamavua, Suva, Fiji, at +679 331 4466, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or email the American Citizens

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Services unit at consularsuva@state.gov. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +679 772 8049. Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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