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**PROTECTING STATEN ISLAND
FROM THE ZIKA VIRUS
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**ZIKA VIRUS
EFFECTS/SYMPTOMS**

**SEVERE BRAIN DEFECTS
IN UNBORN CHILDREN**



FEVER



JOINT PAIN



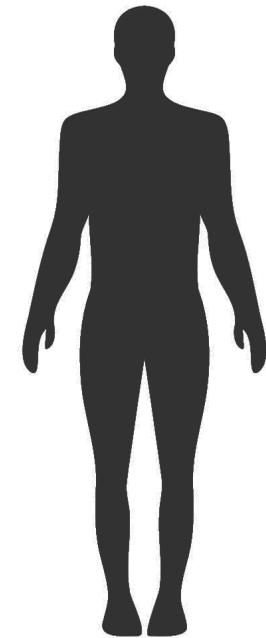
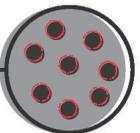
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**MORE INSIDE ON HOW WE CAN PROTECT
STATEN ISLAND CHILDREN AND FAMILIES...**



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

WHAT IS THE ZIKA VIRUS?

Zika is a virus that can be transmitted sexually, but is largely transmitted by mosquitos. Becoming infected with the virus can cause flu-like symptoms and severe birth defects.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO STATEN ISLAND?

Zika is causing flu-like symptoms in most cases, but is having a devastating effect on pregnant women. Infants are being born with deformed craniums and brains. Taking steps to prevent a Zika outbreak is critical to maintain safe communities on Staten Island.

HOW IS THIS HAPPENING?

In cases of pregnant women contracting the virus, Zika travels through the blood stream, multiplies in the placenta, and invades the brain of the fetus, causing irreparable damage.

HOW CAN WE STOP ZIKA FROM HARMING STATEN ISLAND FAMILIES?

This will require a collective effort from the community and your government.

YOUR PART: STEPS TO PREVENTION

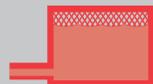
Use only EPA registered insect repellent



Install and repair screens



Repair and seal your septic system



Wear long pants and long sleeve shirts



Eliminate standing water inside and outside



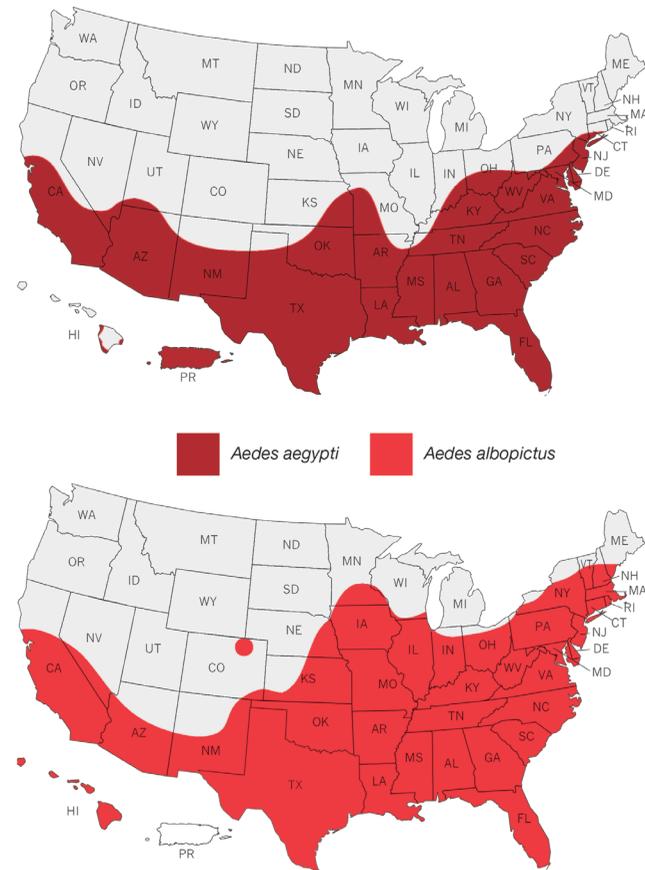
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ESTIMATED RANGE OF AEDES ALBOPICTUS AND AEDES AEGYPTI IN THE UNITED STATES, 2016*



Aedes aegypti mosquitoes are more likely to spread viruses like Zika, dengue, chikungunya and other viruses than other types of mosquitoes such as *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes.

These maps DO NOT show

- Exact locations or numbers of mosquitoes living in an area
- Risk or likelihood that these mosquitoes will spread viruses

These maps show

- CDC's best estimate of the potential range of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* in the United States
- Areas where mosquitoes are or have been previously found

WHAT ASSEMBLYMAN CASTORINA IS DOING TO PROTECT STATEN ISLAND:



Working to keep the public up-to-date with vaccine development news



Continuing to work with health care providers to inform communities about preventative steps



Keeping Staten Island up-to-date with the most current travel advisories and Zika precautions



Ensuring funding is available for research and treatment