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Dear Medical Provider,

Many people enjoy traveling to places with warmer weather or visiting with family and friends living abroad during this time of year, and that often includes visiting regions of Central and South America, the Caribbean, the Pacific Islands or Cape Verde.

As you know, Zika virus transmission is extremely active in these areas. We encourage you to educate any of your patients who may be traveling to impacted areas, particularly women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant and their sexual partners.

To help you do this, the Rhode Island Department of Health has assembled **free Zika virus prevention kits**, designed for individuals who plan to visit Zika-affected areas. Kits include male and female condoms, insect repellent, and useful information about Zika transmission and prevention to help protect women and their unborn babies from Zika infection. The kits also include a mail-back postcard so that your patients may provide us with feedback on the materials in the kits.

To order your free kits (20 kits available per box), please contact Ethan Borchelt at 401-553-5189 or email eborchelt@rdwgroup.com. Kits will be delivered to your office for distribution.

Thank you for your partnership in addressing this risk and keeping our community healthy and safe. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Rhode Island Department of Health
Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease and EMS
Center for Acute Infectious Diseases Epidemiology

