

DHEC Guidance for Zika Testing

Detecting Zika cases quickly is essential for preventing local spread and protecting vulnerable populations, especially pregnant women, from infection.

- Ask all patients with compatible symptoms of: fever, rash, joint pains and conjunctivitis, and all pregnant women, regardless of symptoms, about travel history and sexual contact with persons who have traveled to Zika-affected areas.
- Report all suspect cases to your regional health department (see contact info below). Upon consultation with DHEC epidemiology staff, if your patient meets CDC criteria, arrangements can be made for specimen processing.
- Collection of clinical samples for Zika testing can be done in the office setting; no special protocol is needed. Samples for Zika testing include:
 - **Serum**—At least 0.5mL of serum is needed for testing. Collect in a red top tube or serum separator tube. The blood should be spun down as soon after collection as possible. If using a red top tube, remove the serum from the red cell layer.
 - **Urine**—At least 0.5-1.0mL is needed for testing. Collect in a sterile container with a tight fitting screw cap secured with self-sealing lab film, if possible.
- All positive tests initiate disease control activities to protect the public's health.
- For more information, go to www.scdhec.gov/zika.

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