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UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT ZIKA VIRUS DISEASE

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This is to inform you about the new and revised resources for the management of potential Zika viral infection are now available on the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website. Most notable is the new Zika Screening Algorithm that includes guidance for children and all adults. These materials can be accessed through the updated CDPH Zika website at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/zika>.

Continue to **obtain approval** for testing by filling out the two-paged "[Zika Testing Request for Providers](#)" form and faxing to Public Health at **(707) 299-4479**. This form has also been made available as an attachment to this communication. Please note the addition of new epidemiologic information needed and information on clinical specimens required for testing of suspected cases in adults and specimen collection and storage of specimens for Zika virus testing in infants.

- The form must be filled out completely, or laboratory testing may not be performed.
- For patients who will be referred to Public Health for laboratory testing, Public Health staff will contact patients for an appointment once the Zika Testing Request form is received and approved. **Walk-in testing referrals will not be accepted.**

For your convenience, listed below is some of the updated materials that can be accessed on the CDPH website.

CDPH Zika Screening Algorithm

- This algorithm is designed to guide clinicians through the screening process for **any** presenting patient that has a potential Zika exposure.
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/ZikaScreeningAlgorithm.pdf>

CDPH Zika Virus Information for Healthcare Providers

- This is a reference document formatted to allow clinicians to look up patient-specific information about exposure risk screening, testing, management and prevention of Zika infection.
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/ZikaVirusInformationforHealthcareProviders.pdf>

Zika Virus Exposure Patient Self-Assessment

- This is a self-administered screening questionnaire for reproductive age women which can be downloaded by clinicians for use in a clinic setting.
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/ZikaVirusPatientSelfAssessmentForm.pdf>

The following documents make up only a few of the tools available to clinicians on the CDPH and CDC websites.

- Providers are encouraged to download patient education materials from the CDPH website or order materials directly with the order form at
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/ZikaToolkitsOrderForm.docx>
- Also available on the CDC website is a new interactive tool, the Pregnancy and Zika Testing Clinical Algorithm. With this interactive tool, healthcare providers can answer questions about pregnant patients and, based on the responses, receive clinical management recommendations specific to their patient's needs. It can be used on computers and mobile devices/tablets, and is available here:
<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers/testing-for-zikavirus.html>