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**COMAL COUNTY, TEXAS  
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**County continues to monitor Zika virus developments**

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County public health officials continue to coordinate with the Texas Department of State Health Services and follow the most recent guidelines to monitor developments in the spread of the mosquito-borne Zika virus.

No cases of Zika virus disease have been reported in Comal County thus far, said the county's public health director, Gwen Mills.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is encouraging people also to follow travel precautions and avoid mosquito bites as a general health precaution. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is advising pregnant women to delay travel to foreign countries where Zika is being transmitted. People can protect themselves from mosquito bites by:

- Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants;
- Using EPA-registered insect repellents;
- Using permethrin-treated clothing;
- Staying and sleeping in screened-in or air-conditioned rooms; and
- Avoiding or limiting outdoor activities during peak mosquito times.

Updated information about the Zika virus in Texas can be found at the DSHS website:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/arboviral/zika/>.

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