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**TO:** Superintendents of Schools  
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**SUBJECT:** Zika Virus: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidance for School Districts

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed interim guidance for school districts and school administrators for public health actions pertaining to Zika virus infection. *Zika Virus Response Planning: Interim Guidance for District and School Administrators in the Continental United States and Hawaii (Zika Guidance for Schools)* includes information about the risk for Zika virus infection in K–12 schools, provides guidance when planning school-related activities, and recommends actions that can be taken, in consultation with local public health authorities and government officials, to reduce the potential risk for Zika virus transmission on school premises and among students.

The *Zika Guidance for Schools* includes an overview of the potential roles and responsibilities of public health authorities and school officials, prevention measures that schools can take to reduce mosquito exposure, and information on responding to a case of travel-associated Zika virus infection or confirmed local mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus.

The *Zika Guidance for Schools* is located on the CDC's Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/schools.html> and will be updated as needed when new information becomes available. The Connecticut Department of Public Health also has informational resources that are available in English and Spanish, located on their Web site at: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3115&q=580154>.

The State Department of Education will continue to regularly communicate with school nurse supervisors regarding this issue. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Stephanie Knutson, Education Consultant, at 860-807-2108 or [stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov).

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