

WHO calls on countries to prepare as Zika virus expected to spread in Europe in late spring and summer

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A new WHO report assesses the risk of a Zika virus disease outbreak occurring during late spring and summer in the European Region. While the overall risk is low to moderate, countries where Aedes mosquitoes are present are more likely to experience a Zika virus outbreak.



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The report contains a series of actions that WHO recommends for countries, according to their likelihood of Zika transmission. WHO urges European countries, especially those with high and moderate likelihood of local Zika virus transmission, to follow these recommendations to prevent or rapidly contain a Zika virus disease outbreak.

WHO's support to European countries to prepare for and respond to health risks such as Zika virus disease is a key aspect of the reform of WHO's work in emergencies.

[Press release - Zika virus expected to spread in Europe in late spring and summer: overall risk low to moderate \(http://www.euro.who.int/en/media-centre/sections/press-releases/2016/05/zika-virus-expected-to-spread-in-europe-in-late-spring-and-summer-overall-risk-low-to-moderate\)](http://www.euro.who.int/en/media-centre/sections/press-releases/2016/05/zika-virus-expected-to-spread-in-europe-in-late-spring-and-summer-overall-risk-low-to-moderate)

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[Zika virus and expected spread in Europe \(http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/emergencies/zika-virus/zika-virus/frequently-asked-questions-zika-virus-expected-to-spread-in-europe-in-late-spring-and-summer-overall-risk-is-low-to-moderate\)](http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/emergencies/zika-virus/zika-virus/frequently-asked-questions-zika-virus-expected-to-spread-in-europe-in-late-spring-and-summer-overall-risk-is-low-to-moderate)

Frequently asked questions

[Zika virus. Technical report. Interim risk assessment WHO European Region \(http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/emergencies/zika-virus/technical-reports-and-guidelines-on-zika-virus/zika-virus-technical-report.-interim-risk-assessment-for-who-european-region\)](http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/emergencies/zika-virus/technical-reports-and-guidelines-on-zika-virus/zika-virus-technical-report.-interim-risk-assessment-for-who-european-region)

[News - Zika virus vectors and risk of spread in the WHO European Region \(http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/emergencies/zika-virus/news/news/2016/03/zika-virus-vectors-and-risk-of-spread-in-the-who-european-region\)](http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/emergencies/zika-virus/news/news/2016/03/zika-virus-vectors-and-risk-of-spread-in-the-who-european-region)

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