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## ZIKA-RELATED MICROCEPHALY CASE CONFIRMED IN FLORIDA



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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, the Florida Department of Health confirmed the first Zika-related case of microcephaly in a child born in Florida whose mother had a travel-related case of Zika. The mother, a citizen of Haiti, came to Florida to deliver her baby. The department is working with the family to connect the child to services through our [Early Steps](#) program.

CDC recommends that women who are pregnant or thinking of becoming pregnant postpone travel to Zika affected areas. According to CDC guidance, providers should consider testing all pregnant women with a history of travel to a Zika affected area for the virus. CDC also recommends that a pregnant woman with a history of Zika virus and her provider should consider additional ultrasounds.

Microcephaly is a birth defect in which babies are born with abnormally small heads and incomplete brain development. Babies with the defect often have a range of problems including developmental delay, intellectual disability, problems with movement and balance, hearing loss and vision problems.

For more information on Zika virus, click [here](#).

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