

World Health Organisation Guidance Update-Prevention of Sexual transmission of the Zika Virus - 6th September 2016

Current evidence demonstrates that the Zika Virus is sexually transmissible from male to female, female to male and male to male.

The World Health Organisation has made the following recommendations based on current knowledge about the Zika Virus.

All persons who have returned from countries where there is active Zika Virus transmission, it is recommended that safer sex practices are extended from 8 weeks to 6 months. This recommendation applies to both males and females who have returned countries where active Zika virus transmission is present. This recommendation applies to both males and females whether they have symptoms of Zika Virus or not.

The Zika virus transmission is reported in 59 countries worldwide, predominately in North and South America, the Caribbean, Singapore and in the Pacific Islands including Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Tonga.

Further Information

Full article from World Health Organization 6 September 2016

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/204421/1/WHO_ZIKV_MOC_16.1_eng.pdf?ua=1

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