



Dear Center Director,

Over the last year you have heard a lot news about the mosquito borne Zika virus.

Zika is a disease that is spread primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito. Though the illness is usually mild, and many people will show no symptoms at all, Zika is known to be linked to serious birth defects, such as microcephaly.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is committed to the education and safety of South Carolina residents. Attached, please find the digital version of *Zika: The Basics of the Virus and How to Keep your Family Safe*, for distribution to your families. This flyer is also available to you in print (at no cost); please contact me at 803-898-2023 with the quantity required.

If you would like to read more about Zika or other mosquito borne diseases, visit our web site at www.scdhec.gov/Zika

Thank you,

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