Zika Virus Infection Update

Further to my email on Zika Virus Infection dated February 4, 2016, I would like to draw your attention to the recent development concerning the disease.

As at 1 March 2016, the Centre for Health Protection has the following advice:

1. Zika virus can potentially be transmitted through blood transfusion. Zika virus has also been found in human semen and transmission by sexual contact has been confirmed.

2. There is possible association with adverse pregnancy outcome (microcephaly) and neurological and autoimmune complications such as Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

3. Pregnant women and women preparing for pregnancy should consider deferring their trip to areas with ongoing Zika virus transmission. Travellers should seek medical advice before the trip and avoid mosquito bites during the trip. Travellers who return from affected areas and feel unwell e.g. having fever, should seek medical advice as soon as possible, and provide travel details to doctors.

It is important to note that more new information may become available in days to come as we get to understand the virus better. If you would like to learn about the latest development of Zika Virus Infection, please check at the Center for Health Protection website.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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