ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

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Request:

requested information related to special considerations for migrant farm workers and the Zika Virus. She asked if we could also connect her to a subject matter expert (SME).

Response:

The ASPR TRACIE team conducted a search for information specific to migrant workers and Zika and provided the resources below.

The ASPR TRACIE team also reached out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Zika Joint Information Center to see if there were specific guidance documents or someone specifically that the requestor could speak to. CDC noted that they are actively working on the issue of migrant workers and Zika and they do expect to have some information developed in the near future.

We followed up with our CDC contacts and they noted that CDC’s Zika Joint Information Center can serve as the point of contact for additional questions and materials: eocjiclead2@cdc.gov.

I. Zika Resources

• ASPR TRACIE Zika: Resources At Your Fingertips

Migrant Worker Health

• Zika Virus Travelers and Seasonal/Migrant Workers Fact Sheet, Allegan County, MI.
• World Health Organization Migration and Health: Key Issues.
• Risk of Mosquito-borne Diseases in Rubber Plantations of South-east Asia.
• A Clinician’s Perspective on Zika, plus: “Zika virus: What do we know about it, and how can it be contained?” – This document is developed by the Migrant Clinicians Network and includes recommendations for clinicians treating migrant populations.

In addition to the Zika issue, we found that migrant workers are especially susceptible to issues related to pesticide exposure.

• Pesticide Combination Impacts Often Greater Than the Sum of Their Parts, New study Says.
II. Organizations

- There is a National Center for Farmworker Health, but they have no current Zika information.
- The Florida Department of Health has information available on Migrant Farmworkers including Housing and medical issues.
- The Migrant Clinicians Network’s mission is to serve clinicians supporting Migrant works in the US. Here is a link to search on their site for Zika. (Note: We were not able to link to the actual results page, but simply type “Zika” in the Search engine).
- Rural Health Information Hub – There is no information on Zika specifically, but it does deal with Migrant Health issues.