

## Regional Response Teams: Zika Response

### **PURPOSE**

- Provide epidemiological, educational, environmental/vector control guidance and surge capacity for the prevention and control of Zika virus for jurisdictions not serviced by a local health department.
- Provide local health departments within the region ground technical, operational and logistic support for the prevention and control of Zika virus.

### **TEAM COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP RATIONALE**

- Zoonosis Control Personnel (Regional Veterinarian and other support staff):
    - Performs investigation for determination of Zika virus case
    - Provides expertise, consultation and coordination in specimen collection and testing
    - Serves as the primary point of contact and distribution point with local health departments, healthcare providers and other stakeholder for Zika related guidance and data.
  - Epidemiologist
    - Serves to support Zika functions of Zoonosis Control Personnel in a surge capacity role
    - Serves to provide surge capacity to Zoonosis Control Personnel for other notifiable diseases
    - Provides data analysis and reports for internal and external distribution
  - Communicable Disease Manager
    - Determines programmatic coverage and support of zoonosis control
    - Provides delegation of appropriate staff for investigation and health education related to sexual transmission
  - Preparedness and Response Manager
    - Ensures coordinator within the region including response team members for a unified response.
1. **TEAM LEAD:** Coordinates the activities of Zika response team members and with support of the Regional Director determines and delegates additional responsibilities within and outside of the team as needed for timely implementation of Zika prevention and control measures.
  2. **HEALTH EDUCATOR:** Determined by the Regional Medical Director for each region, based on which team member has most expertise in health education. This duty will most likely be the Zoonosis team member or the epidemiologist, but could also be the other two members of the team.