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Zika Awareness & Prevention

What is Zika?

A disease caused by the Zika virus, which is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Who should be concerned?

All women ages 12-45 able or likely to have children. Men and children under 12 years old are at a lower risk of developing complications.

Transmission: How is Zika spread?

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San Juanita Lopez

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At nine months pregnant, San Juanita Lopez of Alton, Texas, shares her advice on how to protect against the dangers of the Zika virus.

She recommends being well informed and looking for information about the Zika. "As a pregnant woman, I recommend that you do research on the Internet, read newspapers or magazines and talk to your doctor about how you can prevent Zika. We have to take care that our baby is not going to be born with something wrong."

San Juanita also checked her house to prevent mosquitoes from gathering. "In our homes, we can prevent Zika by closing windows or putting mosquito nets. When it rains or when we water our lawns, make sure to throw out all standing water. You have to throw all that away so mosquitoes will not gather."

Apart from wearing dresses or shirts with long sleeves, she recommends using mosquito repellent when outdoors.

"Another very important thing is that our partner also needs to take precautions against Zika," San Juanita explains. "By having intimacy with our partner, he can affect our baby if he carries the Zika virus."



Repel when going outside

Use mosquito repellents (DEET, oil of lemon, eucalyptus, IR3535, picaridin, etc.) according to label directions.



PREVENTION:

Remove water from the environment

Unclog, empty and refill at least once a week: old tires, urns, buckets, plastic covers, toys, pools, bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, potted plant trays, etc.



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Wear long sleeves and pants when going into mosquitoinfested areas. Ensure window and screen doors are bug-tight. Try to stay indoors and use air-conditioning units or fans.

HEALTHY RECIPE: SPICED SWEET POTATO WEDGES

INGREDIENTS:



5 sweet potatoes (about 2-1/2 pounds), peeled 2 egg whites ½ teaspoon ground ginger ¹/₄ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
¹/₂ teaspoon salt

PREPARATION:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Coat 2 large baking sheets with non-stick spray.

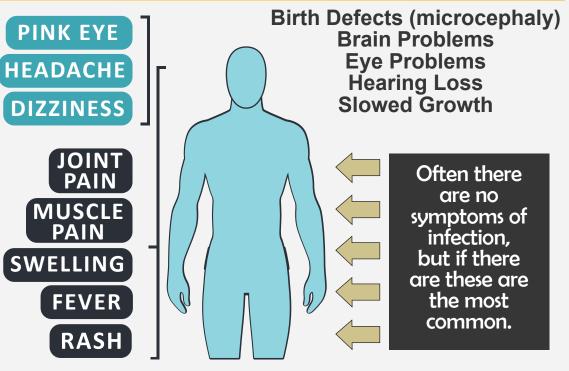
2. Slide each potato into 12 wedges

Symptoms:

3. In a large bowl, lightly beat the egg whites, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt until foamy. Add the potatoes and toss to coat completely; arrange in a single layer on the backing sheets.

4. Bake for 20 minutes, then turn the potato wedges and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until tender and golden.

Zika Causes:



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