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## **Gov. Scott: Zika Virus Information Hotline Now Available for Florida Residents and Visitors**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, Governor Rick Scott directed State Surgeon General Dr. John Armstrong to activate a Zika Virus Information Hotline for Florida residents and visitors, as well as anyone planning on traveling to Florida in the near future. The hotline will be managed by the Florida Department of Health, and will answer questions on the Zika virus and the state's preparedness efforts. The number for the Zika Virus Information Hotline is 855-622-6735.

Governor Scott said, "We want to make sure Florida residents and visitors have access to an open line of communication so they can receive the latest updates on the Zika virus in our state. The Zika Virus Information Hotline will answer questions and advise callers on what steps they can take to protect their homes and families from Zika. With over 20 million residents and 100 million tourists, we have made it a priority to stay ahead of the possible spread of this virus in Florida, and we will continue to do all we can to keep our families safe."

As of today, Florida has twenty confirmed Zika cases: Hillsborough (3 cases), Miami-Dade (7 cases), Lee (3 cases) Santa Rosa (1 case), Broward (3 case), St. Johns (1 case), Osceola (1 case), and Alachua (1 case). All of the cases in Florida are travel-related and none involve pregnant women. The Florida Department of Health is also issuing a daily update regarding the status of the Zika virus in Florida.