What is Zika Virus?
Zika is an infectious disease transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito.

What are the Symptoms?
Symptoms include: Muscle or joint pain, rash, vomiting, headache (especially behind eyes, and conjunctivitis. Not all persons infected will become ill. Symptoms usually begin 2 to 7 days after being infected by the mosquito. You should see a doctor if you believe you have been exposed to ZIKA.

Once a person is infected, there is a period of 7 - 10 days where an Aedes mosquito can acquire the virus from them.

Am I at risk?
Currently, the risk of ZIKA in our area is low. There have been no recorded cases of a mosquito transmitting Zika in the Gulf Coast region.

Travelers visiting areas of the world where Zika virus is active should guard themselves from being bit by a mosquito. Currently, these areas include parts of Africa, Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, Caribbean, Central and South America.

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