

Donor Self-deferral Information Sheet to Reduce the Risk of Transfusion-transmitted Zika

Thank you for coming in to donate today: If you have travelled to Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America in the last 28 days, we are asking you not to donate today, but to return for your next donation more than 28 days after your return to the US. We are doing this for the following reasons:

1. Zika virus infection is spreading rapidly in the Western Hemisphere, outside the US and Canada.
2. Zika virus infection is mild in most people, but there is concern that Zika is causing serious brain injury to babies whose mothers have been infected during pregnancy and an increase in cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome, a temporary but serious disorder causing paralysis.
3. Zika virus can be present in an infected person's blood who has no symptoms of illness.
4. There is concern that Zika virus can be transmitted by blood.

For further information speak with staff in the donor room or call xxx-xxx-xxxx.

