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India added as a moderate risk area for Zika virus transmission

Zika virus advice for travellers to India updated, pregnant women should consider postponing non-essential travel until after the pregnancy

Update 27 February 2019 Zika risk categories have been reviewed, please check for updated news items

On 24 May 2017, the World Health Organization added India to their list of countries in their Zika virus (ZIKV) classification category 2: 'Area either with evidence of virus circulation before 2015 or area with ongoing transmission that is no longer in the new or re-introduction phase, but where there is no evidence of interruption' [1]. [Our Country Information page for India](#) has been updated to show a moderate risk of Zika virus transmission. Pregnant women should consider postponing non-essential travel to this country until after the pregnancy.

Public Health England (PHE) and the National Travel Health Network and Centre (NaTHNaC) are currently reviewing our Zika country categorisation following the publication of WHO 'Zika virus country classification scheme, interim guidance' in March 2017 [2]. Updated advice will be posted in due course.

Resources

- [Zika virus in brief](#)
- [Public Health England: Zika virus clinical and travel guidance](#)

References

1. [World Health Organization, Zika Virus \(ZIKV\) classification table as of 24 May 2017 \[Accessed 26 May 2017\]](#)
2. [World Health Organization, Zika virus country classification scheme, interim guidance, March 2017 \[Accessed 26 April 2017\]](#)