

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Dept. of Health Partnering With Local Clinics And Labs To Provide Free Zika Testing

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Department of Health Acting Commissioners Juan Figueroa –Serville and Dr. Michelle Davis, who also serves as the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services' Region II Director, gave updates Friday to residents on D.O.H.'s efforts to curtail the Zika virus.

The department announced that it is partnering with several clinics and labs to provide Zika virus testing at no cost to patients. Pregnant women and people who develop symptoms of the virus (fever, rash, joint pain, red eyes) should see their primary care provider for evaluation. If their providers believe that Zika testing is warranted, these patients are urged to contact the following locations:

St. Croix

Beeston Hill Clinical Lab	773-4990
Clinical Laboratory Inc. (Sunny Isle)	778-5369
Frederiksted Health Care, Inc.	772-0260
Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center	778-6311
Primary Care PLLC	718-7788

St. John

Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center	693-8900
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St. Thomas

Community Medical Laboratory	776-7444
Cranston/Dottin Biomedical Lab	774-6256
Doctors Clinical Laboratory	774-2760
Havensight Medical Laboratory	774-5515
Roy Lester Schneider Hospital	776-8311

Facilities not listed above that would like to participate in the testing program and be reimbursed for their services, should contact D.O.H's emergency operations center at (340) 712 6205.

D.O.H. also made known that the Centers for Disease Control (C.D.C.) has provided it with additional assistance, again at no cost to the territory, by making available Medical Doctor Dan Baden, and Public Health Advisor Ms. Darcie Bentz. They join C.D.C. Epidemiologist Jay Roth to assist the territory during the initial phases of the disease. They will also be working closely with Dr. Esther Ellis, the territory's territorial epidemiologist.

For local information about the disease, call 340-712-6205. For more general information call toll free: 1-800-CDC-INFO.

D.O.H. says it continues to provide Zika testing for free at its primary care clinics.