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Zika Action Day Events Set For Today And Saturday; Residents Encouraged To Attend

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In its continuing efforts to battle the Zika virus, the Department of Health has planned two events that it's calling Zika Action Day, which will see the department, in partnership with Wallgreens and other sponsors, offering a myriad of services in one place to help prevent the rapid increase of Zika in the territory and to provide pertinent information.

"Zika Action Day provides a unique opportunity for us to come together as a community and show our solidarity for Zika prevention and doing what is necessary to stop this virus from spreading," Health Commissioner Dr. Michelle Davis said.

The events will be held on Friday at Fort Christianvaern in St. Croix at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and in St. Thomas the following day in the parking lot of Walgreens from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To kick off the event Walgreens is offering free bags and coupons to the first 250 participants on each island. Walgreens will also give away \$20 gift cards on the hour to participants who visit each Zika booth. As if that was not enough to entice participation, Walgreens Manager Steve Marshall will be firing up the grill for hamburgers and hotdogs in the St. Thomas Walgreens parking lot.

On St. Croix, D.O.H. will be putting their grill master skills to the test too, and has invited local food vendors, professional face painters and hula hoop dancers to come out and show their support in the fight against Zika.

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