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**Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Zika Virus Reported in Aruba and Bonaire**

The United States Consulate General in Curacao informs U.S. citizens that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a travel notice for Aruba and Bonaire [regarding the Zika Virus](#). There is evidence that Zika is linked to birth defects in the fetuses of infected pregnant women and Guillain-Barré syndrome in infected individuals of any age or gender. Zika is typically a mosquito-borne illness, but there are reports that the virus has been transmitted through sexual contact and blood transfusion. For general information about Zika, please visit the [CDC website](#). To obtain [CDC travel notices](#), call the [CDC](#) at 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636) from within the United States, or 1-404-639-3534 from overseas or visit the [CDC website](#).

We recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in the Dutch Caribbean (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, St. Maarten, Saba, and St. Eustatius) enroll in the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates and makes it easier for the U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency.

For the latest Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution, visit the [State Department's website](#). Before traveling abroad, read the [Country Specific Information](#) for your destination and use the [Traveler's Checklist](#) to learn steps you can take for a safe and healthy trip.

Contact Information

The United States Consulate General in Curacao serves U.S. citizens in Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Saba, St. Maarten, and St. Eustatius.

Location: The Consulate is located at J.B. Gorsiraweg 1, Curacao.

Phone Numbers and Dialing Instructions: During business hours, call +599(9) 461-3066. For after-hours emergencies, call +599(9) 510-6870. If calling from the United States, dial 011 before the number. If calling from the following islands, enter the appropriate code before the number: Aruba (00); Bonaire (00), Saba (00), St. Maarten (011), St. Eustatius (00).

Email: You can email the American Citizen Services Section at [acscuracao@state.gov](mailto:acscuracao@state.gov).

Website: [The Consulate's Website](#) is [curacao.usconsulate.gov](http://curacao.usconsulate.gov).