

**Message for U.S. Citizens – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador**  
**Additional Information on Zika Virus**  
**January 27, 2016**

The U.S. Embassy to Ecuador advises U.S. citizens that the Ecuadorian Ministry of Health has confirmed the presence of the mosquito-borne Zika Virus in various areas of the country. As we reported in our January 15 security message, there is a CDC Advisory regarding the Zika Virus, and the U.S. Embassy has advised its pregnant U.S. citizen staff members or dependents in affected areas of the country of the option to depart the country. For the full text of the advisory, please visit the [CDC website](#). Information in Spanish can be found on the website of the [Pan American Health Organization](#). 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.

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We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Ecuador enroll in the Department of State's **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program**. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the **State Department's website**, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read **the Country Specific Information for Ecuador**. For additional information, please refer to our "**Traveler's Checklist**" page. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

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