

# PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY:

## HOW ZIKA SPREADS

### Most people get Zika from a mosquito bite



More members in the community become infected



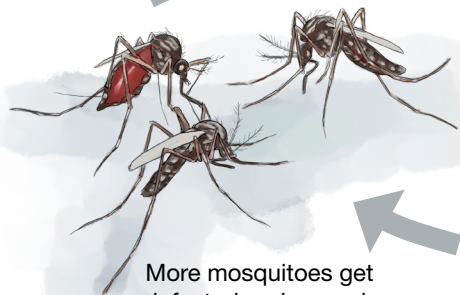
A mosquito bites a person infected with Zika virus



The mosquito becomes infected



A mosquito will often live in a single house during its lifetime



More mosquitoes get infected and spread the virus



The infected mosquito bites a family member or neighbor and infects them

### Other, less common ways, people get Zika:



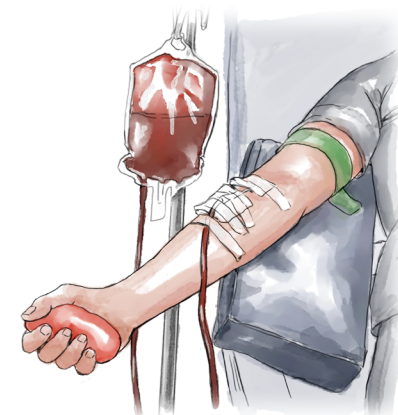
#### During pregnancy

A pregnant woman can pass Zika virus to her fetus during pregnancy. Zika causes microcephaly, a severe birth defect that is a sign of incomplete brain development



#### Through sex

Zika virus can be passed through sex from a person who has Zika to his or her sex partners



#### Through blood transfusion

There is a strong possibility that Zika virus can be spread through blood transfusions