

# What is Zika virus disease (Zika)?



According to the Centers for Disease Control, Zika is a disease caused by the Zika virus that is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito. The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week.

Please click on the links below for additional information.

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/zika/en/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>