August 4, 2016

Health Care Partners:

Gov. Rick Scott has requested that county health departments offer Zika virus testing at no cost for pregnant women.

Providers may still order testing for their patients through LabCorp and Quest, if indicated.

Pregnant women who would like to be tested at DOH-Leon should call (850) 606-8000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, for an appointment. Testing will be done at the R&S Clinic at 1515 Old Bainbridge Road, Tallahassee.

No cases of Zika virus have been detected in Leon County as of August 4, 2016.

The risk of Zika infection is greatest for those who have traveled to or lived in an area with Zika transmission by mosquitoes. Pregnant women whose sexual partners have traveled to or lived in an affected area may also be at an increased risk for Zika infection. The CDC recommends screening for these risk factors at every prenatal visit.

Non-pregnant individuals who have visited or lived in an area with Zika transmission, particularly if symptoms of Zika develop after travel (fever, joint pains, irritated eyes, rash), are encouraged to see their primary care provider to determine if testing is indicated.

For the latest guidance on Zika testing, please see the attached information sheet from the Florida Department of Health dated July 21.

For additional information on Zika and a current list of the areas with Zika transmission by mosquitoes, visit Leon.FloridaHealth.gov or CDC.gov or call the Zika hotline at 855-622-6735.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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