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City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

By now you may have seen the various news reports regarding the Zika virus on Miami Beach and you probably have questions.

Please feel confident in knowing that we are in constant communication with the Department of Health regarding the latest developments and the best strategies to implement mosquito control. The Department of Health is going through the appropriate protocols regarding testing, interviews, sampling, etc.

Our strategy has been, and will continue to be, focusing on the elimination of potential breeding sites and educating our staff, residents, visitors, and businesses on what they need to do. We are also working with the County and they are inspecting, and as needed, mitigating through techniques like clean ups, larvicides and targeted spraying.

Remember, prevention is key. We ordered repellent and will be making it available to children in our recreation programs. For those of you that have children attending any of our recreation programs we will have Mosquito Repellent available containing the chemical DEET. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that the chemical DEET has been proven both safe and effective.

Your child, with your permission, may apply the Mosquito Repellent his/herself or you may choose to have recreation staff apply the repellent to your child upon their arrival. Staff will only apply from the neck down. (Applications will not be made to the head and face.)

If you would like us to provide and/or spray your child with Mosquito Repellent, please sign and return the attached form to your child's program staff. No Mosquito Repellent will be provided or used on any child without a signed permission slip.

If you have questions about what you can do to protect yourself from mosquitoes or would like more details on the Zika virus, please visit the [Florida Department of Health](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control](#) websites.

