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**MEDIA ADVISORY: DEPUTY MAYOR HERMINIA PALACIO AND HEALTH
COMMISSIONER DR. MARY T. BASSETT DELIVER ZIKA VIRUS UPDATE**

NEW YORK—Deputy Mayor Herminia Palacio and Health Commissioner Dr. Mary Bassett will today deliver a Zika virus update. At this time, there's virtually no risk of acquiring Zika virus in New York City as the Zika virus cannot be spread by casual contact with an infected person and mosquitoes are not active in cold winter months.

Many New York City residents will travel to warmer climates this winter for vacation, including countries where the Zika virus is prevalent. Those traveling should take preventative measures, and pregnant women should consider delaying travel to affected areas until more is known.

The Health Department is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to educate those who may travel to countries where the Zika virus is commonly found.

For more information about the Zika virus, visit: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/zika-virus.page>.

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