

Zika Virus

(Advisory Information)

As you are likely already aware, an emerging infectious disease called the Zika virus has been spreading through the Americas – most notably in Brazil. Local mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus has also been reported in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. *At the time of issuance of this advisory, no local mosquito-borne Zika virus disease cases have been reported in any U.S. states, but there have been travel-associated cases.*

Because mosquito-borne (*i.e.*, *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitos) Zika Virus is a potential threat to the Gulf Coast of the United States over the coming Summer season, the GA Host Committee and PCA Administrative Committee are encouraging proper precautions for all participants.

Please take proper precautions!

- Use insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or para-menthane-diol in accordance with the product label instructions.
- Cover as much exposed skin as you reasonably can with good clothing at times of potential exposure to mosquitos.
- **Expecting mothers and those who might be expecting in the near future should take great care.**

For additional information concerning Zika virus, including specific up-to-date information for pregnant women, prevention, and current areas with active Zika transmission, please visit:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/zika

American Academy of Pediatrics: www.aap.org (search for Zika Virus)

American Congress of OB-GYN: www.acog.org/About-ACOG/ACOG-Departments/Zika-Virus

The GA Host Committee and PCA Administrative Committee are looking forward to a blessed and safe General Assembly event this year in Mobile. Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you there.