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The Department of Health does not routinely announce imported cases, but because of the heightened awareness of Zika virus, we are providing the following information.

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Statement from Hawaii State Department of Health

The Hawaii State Department of Health has confirmed the first imported case of Zika in Hawaii this year. The individual had a history of travel in the Pacific and has since recovered and is no longer infectious. The case was confirmed this week by the department's State Laboratories Division. The department conducted an investigation of the case and has determined there is no health risk to the public. To protect the privacy of the individual, no other information will be made available about the case.

"Because people frequently travel to areas abroad where Zika virus is present, we can expect that we may see more imported cases in the coming months," said Health Director Dr. Virginia Pressler. "With Zika, and our current dengue outbreak, it's important for everyone in the state to reduce mosquito breeding areas by getting rid of standing water, and use repellent or protective clothing to prevent mosquito bites."

The department sent an advisory to healthcare providers statewide on Feb. 17, 2016 updating them on clinical guidance for Zika virus and urging them to be aware of areas abroad where Zika virus is circulating.

In 2015, the Department of Health reported four imported cases of Zika virus in the state.

For travel guidance go to <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information>

For information on symptoms, diagnosis and treatment go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/symptoms/index.html>

For information on Zika and pregnancy go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/index.html>