

Cuba Reports Sixth Imported Case of Zika Virus



Havana, March 24 (RHC)-- Cuba authorities have reported the sixth imported case of Zika virus in the country.

The patient is a 32 year-old Cuban general practitioner, who returned to the country on March 15th after from the Venezuelan State of Lara, where she was offering her services as part of existing cooperation programs.

The Cuban Health Ministry reports that despite being asymptomatic, the pregnant patient was admitted to the Ciro Redondo Hospital in the city of Artemisa as a precautionary measure. Doctors there conducted the Real-Time PCR test, which was sent to the Pedro Kouri Institute of Tropical Medicine (IPK).

The health ministry asserts that from the very beginning, all epidemiological and vector control measures established for such cases were undertaken.

On March 22nd, the Pedro Kouri Institute confirmed that the test conducted on admittance to hospital had proven positive for the Zika virus. The patient remains hospitalized, though asymptomatic.



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