than expected due to the underdevelopment of the baby's brain. So far there have not been any confirmed cases of Zika caused by mosquito populations in the state of Texas. Those that have been infected by the bite of an infected mosquito have either traveled to an area with Zika carrying mosquitos or their partner has. Zika is very serious and experts are unsure what the future holds for the Zika virus in the US. Please consider these tips to help protect yourself and your family from mosquito

- Dress in long, loose-fitting, light colored pants and shirts
- Drain any standing water from containers, tires, gutters, etc. around the home.
- Use mosquito dunks in standing water that cannot be drained. (A mosquito dunk is a brown donut-looking object that floats on water and slowly dissolves, releasing a bacterium that kills mosquito

Reduce outdoor activity

during dusk and dawn. understand with long days and lots of summer activities this can be difficult, so if you are going to be outdoors during this time of day be prepared with a bug containing approved by the EPA or CDC to protect yourself and all of your from those mosquitos.

For more information about traveling to areas that are affected by the Zika virus please go to http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/ page/zika-travel-information.

Addition information on Zika can be found at these websites for the Texas A&M University System: http://preventingzika.org https://vitalrecord.tamhsc.edu/ zika360.

For more information about mosquito types, biology and control, http:// mosquitosafari.tamu.edu/.

Information provided by Texas Agrilife Extension, Molly Keck, IPM Program Specialist and Sonja Swiger, Assistant Professor & Extension Entomologist.

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