

Dear Parents,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Florida Department of Health have reported several cases of the Zika Virus in a one-mile square area in Wynwood and Miami Beach. The number one priority at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary-St. Richard Catholic School is always the safety and well-being of your child. As we begin our 2016-2017 school year, please know that we are taking every precaution to ensure that our schools are clean and free from conditions that may further heighten the spread of the Zika Virus and the mosquito-borne illness. The Archdiocese has been in communication with the state health department and CDC officials for the most recent information and guidelines.

We are asking that you take steps to protect your child against mosquito-borne illnesses. Before your child leaves home, please apply mosquito repellent to bare skin as well as clothing. Repellent should be applied at home as school employees are prohibited from applying it on students. Remember to consult your doctor or health care provider before using any type of insect repellent.

There are many on-line resources that provide useful information and education awareness on [www.FloridaHealth.gov](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov) or <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/prevent-mosquito-bites.html>. The number for the Zika Virus Information Hotline is 1-855-622-6735

Yours In Christ Through Mary,

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