

Reporting Suspected Zika Cases to USVI Department of Health

If you see a patient with the following symptoms, please report it to the USVI DOH:

- Acute onset of fever **>38°C or >101°F**
AND
- **Severe arthralgia or arthritis** not explained by another medical condition

How to report suspected Zika cases to the USVI DOH:

- 1) Fill out the “Dengue and Chikungunya Reporting Form” available at www.healthvi.org/forms. The yellow highlighted fields are mandatory, but please do your best to fill out all fields. Please write ZIKA in the upper right corner of the form.
- 2) Make THREE copies of the filled-out “Dengue and Chikungunya Reporting Form.”
- 3) Send the FIRST copy of the form to Dr. Esther Ellis at the USVI DOH by fax (preferred) or mail:
Dr. Esther M. Ellis, USVI Territorial Epidemiologist
USVI Department of Health
Charles Harwood Complex , 3500 Estate Richmond
Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI 00820-4370
Fax: 340-718-1508 | Email: esther.ellis@doh.vi.gov

How to request FREE Zika testing through the USVI DOH:

- 1) Report the suspected case to Dr. Esther Ellis as above. This is required for testing.
- 2A) If you offer phlebotomy services, send the SECOND copy of the form with a refrigerated SERUM sample (at 4°C) shipped on cold packs directly to the DOH lab at Charles Harwood Complex on St. Croix:
Charles Harwood Medical Complex, c/o Dr. Esther Ellis
3500 Estate Richmond
Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI 00820-4370
Re: USVI Chikungunya Testing Request
- 2B) If you do not offer phlebotomy services, send the SECOND copy of the form with the patient to have their blood drawn at one of the following:
 - A) Doctors Clinical Lab (Phlebotomy fee: \$15)
1010 Tenth Street Suite 1
St Thomas, USVI 00802
 - B) CD Diagnostics Clinical Lab (Phlebotomy fee: \$15)
Medical Arts Complex, Altona, Suite 3
St Thomas, USVI 00802
 - C) Community Medical Lab (Phlebotomy fee: \$30)
9149 Estate Thomas, Unit 102
St Thomas, USVI 00802
 - D) Schneider Regional Medical Center (Phlebotomy fee: \$17.50)
9048 Sugar Estate
St Thomas, USVI 00802
 - E) Juan F. Luis Hospital (Phlebotomy fee: \$32.45)
4007 Estate Diamond Ruby
Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI 00821

Place the THIRD copy of the form into the suspected case’s chart. For any questions regarding reporting or testing for chikungunya, please call the USVI DOH at 340-718-1311 and ask to speak to Dr. Esther M. Ellis (x3241). Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,
Dr. Esther M. Ellis | USVI Territorial Epidemiologist