PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY:
HOW ZIKA SPREADS

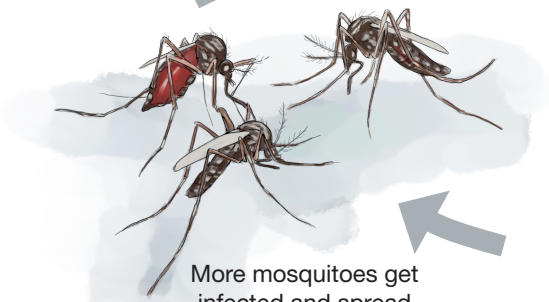
Most people get Zika from a mosquito bite

A mosquito bites a person infected with Zika virus

The mosquito becomes infected

A mosquito will often live in a single house during its lifetime

The infected mosquito bites a family member or neighbor and infects them



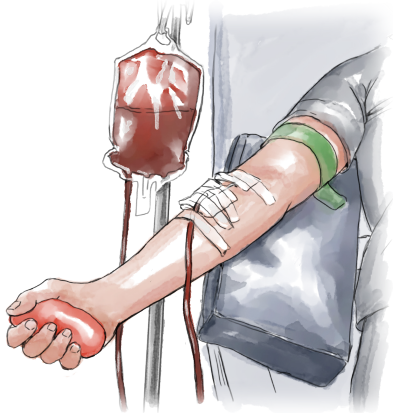
More mosquitoes get infected and spread the virus

More members in the community become infected

Other, less common ways, people get Zika:

During pregnancy
A pregnant woman can pass Zika virus to her fetus during pregnancy. Zika causes microcephaly, a severe birth defect that is a sign of incomplete brain development

Through sex
Zika virus can be sexually transmitted by a man to his partners



Through blood transfusion
There is a strong possibility that Zika virus can be spread through blood transfusions