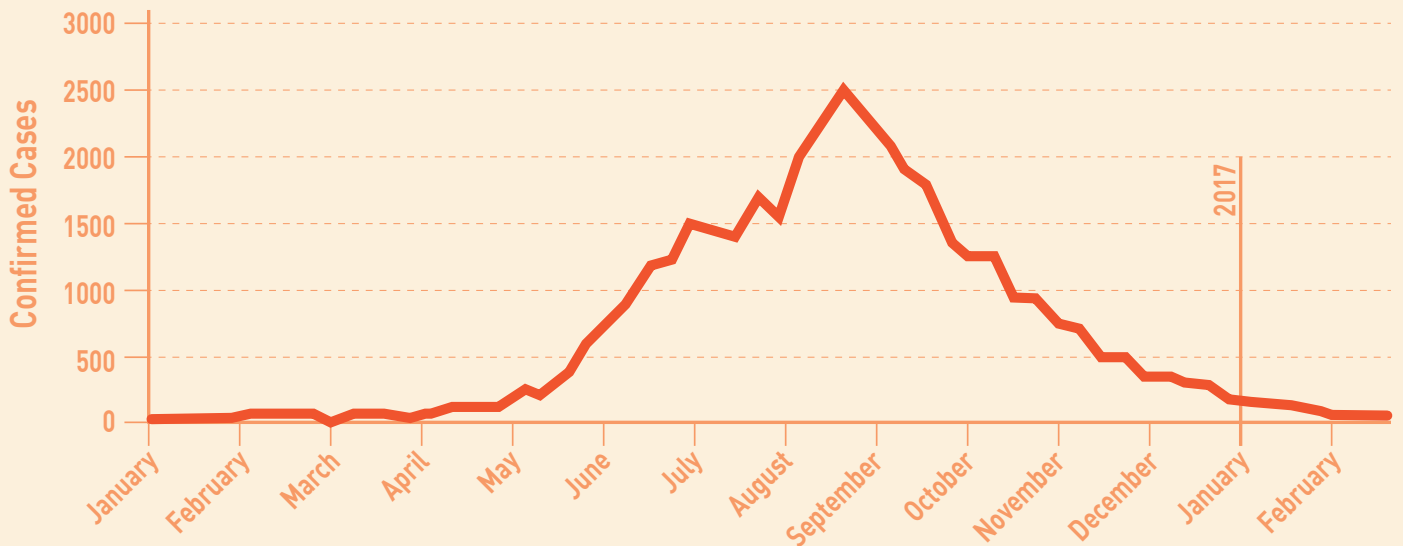# ZIKA ✳ UPDATE

ZIKA IN 2016

According to the CDC San Juan Station and the Puerto Rico Department of Health, the outbreak of Zika peaked during the summer and almost died out by the end of 2016.

Chart: Confirmed Cases (y-axis: 0, 500, 1000, 1500, 2000, 2500, 3000) over months January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February. Vertical line marked 2017.

In 2016, even during the heaviest part of the Zika period, Meet Puerto Rico received **225 groups and had approximately 120,000 confirmed attendees.** To our knowledge **none of the attendees contracted Zika.**

WEBSITE LINKS:
- For more information about Zika from the Puerto Rico Department of Health: **www.salud.gov.pr/Sobre-tu-Salud/Pages/Condiciones/Zika.aspx** (in Spanish)
- For the CDC Zika Virus homepage: **www.cdc.gov/zika**
- For general information on Travelers' Health: **wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel**

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PUERTO RICO ZIKA UPDATE

Since the arrival of the Zika virus to the island in December 2015, the impact on Puerto Rico's population has been minimal.

The CDC predicted that by year-end 20-25% of the population would have contracted Zika. However, thanks to the joint efforts of the Department of Health, the CDC, and the tourism industry, **less than 1% of the population have been diagnosed with the virus.**

According to the CDC Station on the island: "Puerto Rico has the **strongest surveillance** of the region."

Puerto Rico's hotels and the major tourism organizations — the PRTC, the PRHTA and MPR — have taken every precaution possible to **eliminate mosquito breeding grounds** at hotels and resorts as well as educating visitors about preventing mosquito bites.

PUERTO RICO HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO PROTECT ITS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS:

- **Providing Zika Prevention Kits.**
- **Offering Zika 101 training to tourism industry staff.**
- **Performing research on Zika virus.**
- **Conducting mosquito surveillance and testing for insecticide resistance.**
- **Improving diagnostic tests for Zika virus.**
- **Supporting active surveillance of Zika-positive pregnant women.**
- **Implementing an island-wide vector control program.**
- **Conducting community engagement and educational activities.**
- **Creating databases for all Zika-related surveillance.**
- **Developing health education materials available at all locations.**

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