

Anguilla No Longer Has Active Zika Virus Transmission

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The **Anguilla Tourist Board** is announcing that the **World Health Organization** (WHO) has removed its **Zika** virus country classification scheme, which categorized most of the **Caribbean** territories, including **Anguilla**, as areas having active Zika virus transmission.

This removal by the WHO comes on the heels of data released by the **Caribbean Public Health Agency**, (CARPHA), giving evidence that the Zika virus transmission in the Caribbean had been interrupted for over 12 months, or was at undetectable levels, thereby posing very little risk to residents and visitors to the region. This was matched by data shared with CARPHA by **Canada**, the **United Kingdom** and the **United States of America**, which showed that no Zika had been detected for over 12 months in travelers returning from the Caribbean to their countries.

This WHO decision arranges for Anguilla to be reclassified by the **U.S. Center for Disease Control** (CDC) to a Category 3 “Area of Interrupted Transmission.” The last confirmed case in Anguilla was reported in February 2017, which reflects the island’s ongoing surveillance, education and vector control activities, initiated and encouraged since the outbreak was first reported some three years ago.

Anguilla is tucked away in the northern Caribbean. The island is ringed with more than 30 beaches. It can be reached from two major gateways: **Puerto Rico** and **St. Martin**.

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