

CDC expands range of Zika mosquitoes into parts of Northeast

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This image made available by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 shows a map of the United States with an estimated range of the Aedes aegypti mosquito for 2016 indicated in blue. On Wednesday, federal health officials said the mosquitoes, including the Aedes aegypti, that can transmit the Zika virus may live in a broader swath of the U.S. than previously thought—but that doesn't mean they'll cause disease here. (CDC via AP)

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Wednesday posted new maps of the estimated range of Aedes aegypti mosquitoes, and a related cousin, on its website. Instead of just being in the southern part of the country, the new maps say the range may extend into parts of the Midwest and as far north as parts of New York and Connecticut.

Previous maps were about a dozen years old. CDC officials describe the new ones as its best estimate, and include areas where the mosquitoes have been seen recently or previously.

More information: CDC maps: www.cdc.gov/zika/vector/index.html

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