

# Puerto Rico sees rise in Zika cases, paralyzing condition

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Puerto Rico says more than 100 new cases of the mosquito-borne Zika virus have been reported in the past week.

Health authorities said Monday that the U.S. territory now has 350 cases, 40 of which involve pregnant women. Experts think Zika infections may be linked to microcephaly, which causes babies to have unusually small heads and brain damage.

The paralyzing condition known as Guillain-Barre syndrome also is being looked for possible links to Zika, and Puerto Rican officials said two news cases of that were reported, for a total of three cases. Six people have been hospitalized.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has requested at least \$225 million in federal funds to fight Zika in Puerto Rico.

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