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## **Comal County, New Braunfels team up to inform public about Zika**

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County and the City of New Braunfels have teamed up to create a website for area residents seeking more information about combating Zika and other mosquito-borne illnesses.

The website, [ComalZika.org](http://ComalZika.org), provides information, links and answers to frequently asked questions about preventing mosquito bites and Zika transmission.

“Zika and other diseases carried by mosquitoes continue to concern our community,” said Cheryl L. Fraser, Comal County director of public health. “We want to continue educating Comal County and New Braunfels residents about how they can protect themselves and their families from serious diseases like Zika.”

Although no positive cases of Zika have yet been recorded in New Braunfels or Comal County, cases have been reported in South Texas since 2016. The disease can have fatal effects for unborn children.

Along with listing Zika symptoms, ways to combat mosquitoes and steps to take if a person thinks they have contracted Zika, the website discusses how the city and county combat mosquitoes on public property and steps residents can take to submit complaints about the insects breeding on vacant or abandoned private property.

“In light of the potential for contracting illnesses such as Zika from mosquitoes, it is important for everyone to educate themselves about mosquito-borne diseases and to work together as a community to minimize the

risks,” said Sheri Masterson, public information officer for the City of New Braunfels. “We encourage our residents to review the information on this new website and to put the suggested precautions into place.”

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