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Rio Grande City Hosts Community Forum for Zika Virus

Rio Grande City, Texas (December 6, 2016) — With the help of the Rio Grande City EDC, a community forum with city and county health officials was organized to discuss local efforts in the combat against the Zika virus threat in Starr County. This event was held on December 6th at South Texas College Starr Campus in Rio Grande City.

In light of the most recent confirmed non-travel case of the Zika virus in Cameron County, city and county health officials came together in a community forum to give residents updated information on the Zika virus and measures the City of Rio Grande City and Starr County have taken to prevent its spread.

“Our goal is to provide important information for the general public and health care providers in order to control and prevent the spread of the disease,” said Dr. Jose Vazquez, Starr County Health Authority.

During the forum, panelists provided information on the origin of Zika, protection from contracting the virus and local efforts from the city and county in education and prevention of the spread of Zika.

“In addition to what the city is doing to combat the Zika virus, the public is urged to help in protecting themselves, our city and the county,” said Joel Villarreal, Rio Grande City Mayor.

Informational flyers, posters and cards can be picked up at the City of Rio Grande City Planning Department located at 5332 E. US Hwy 83 Ste. C or visit www.texaszika.org for more information.

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