

FSU issues health advisory to students, staff for Zika virus

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (WCTV) -- Here in Tallahassee, Florida State University is trying to alert students to the Zika threat.

Thousands will be returning to campus in the next three weeks. The university issued a health advisory Wednesday morning on the FSU health website, but everyone we spoke to said they had no idea about the warning.

FSU says they are working directly with local, state, and federal officials to ensure safety on campus. The university posted the advisory at the recommendation of the CDC, but students and staff say they know nothing about the alert, raising more concerns than ever.

A lot of students who attend FSU come from all over the country, some even from south Florida, and they are being urged to take every bit of precaution.

"Putting it on the health alert page, I think is a good idea. I think we need to do even further by putting signs on campus, on the billboards where students see it, Are you aware of this? Pushing the information more and more," says Dr. Daniel Van Durme, of FSU College of Medicine.

The health alert includes facts about Zika and tips on how to prevent it. The university also points out that there are no Zika cases in Leon County.

Dr. Van Durme says he's surprised the school did not send out an email or phone call given the severity of the situation.

Students say they are surprised by the news and wish the school made a bigger announcement.

"When I heard about it, I was honestly very surprised, a little scared," says FSU student Natalie Burke. "I definitely want to look into more of what I can do to be a little safer, see if I can protect myself a little more."

"Most kids are pretty naive and be like, not gonna happen to me, can't happen to me. It's concerning for sure, but hopefully it doesn't get up here," says FSU student, Chris Joseph.
