1. **What’s the current situation in Dominican Republic regarding the Zika virus?**

   The Dominican Republic has been included in the list of countries with confirmed cases of Zika by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the United States. Public health authorities of the Dominican Republic have only confirmed 10 cases of Zika involving locals who have already received outpatient treatment. The low amount of cases of Zika in the country places Dominican Republic as a low risk country in the Caribbean.

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2. **What are the authorities doing to avoid the spread of the Zika virus?**

   As part of its commitment to provide a healthy and safe environment for tourists and residents, the Dominican Republic conducts concrete actions to control and prevent the Zika virus, transmitted by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito. MITUR, the country’s Ministry of Public Health and the Hotel and Tourism Association (ASONAHORES) are performing recurring pest control efforts in tourist areas to eliminate and prevent mosquito breeding sites. Every year, the Dominican government and its health officials conduct activities to prevent and control the spread of tropical diseases, including fumigation operations and educational campaigns.

   In fact, a nationwide effort was recently held, in which more than 400 thousand mosquito breeding sites were exterminated and approximately 330 educational home visits were completed with the collaboration of more than 30 thousand health promoters and volunteers. These actions contribute to the reduction of the risk presented by the Zika and dengue viruses, as well as other tropical diseases.

3. **Should I cancel/postpone my vacation plans to Dominican Republic?**

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4. In case of an emergency, who should I contact?
MITUR headquarters and its overseas Tourism Promotion Offices (TPO) are the appropriate channels for any questions and comments about the matter. Information about the tourist destination and the contact information for the TPO are available at http://www.godominicanrepublic.com/.

Also, the specific sources of information concerning the Zika virus are:

- Dominican Republic Ministry of Public Health: http://www.sespas.gov.do/

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