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## NEWS ADVISORY

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Health officials from Texas and Tamaulipas gather for Zika conference**

**EDINBURG** – Health officials from Texas and Tamaulipas will gather to exchange information regarding arboviruses and other public health issues of mutual interest along the U.S.-Mexico border Wednesday during a one-day, binational conference at the McAllen Convention Center.

The STARZII Binational Conference runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a news conference scheduled for 12 p.m., where journalists will have the opportunity to speak to health officials from both countries. The conference is organized by the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department with funding from Texas Department of State Health Services.

This is the second conference on the State of Texas Active Response to Zika (STARZ). The first was held in 2016. David Gruber, associate commissioner for Regional and Local Health Services in the Texas Department of State Health Services will provide a briefing on the Texas Zika response, while Mexican health officials will brief attendees on Mexico's Northeastern border response.

The conference is by invitation-only to health professionals. News media is invited to interview presenters during the news conference, which will be held at 12 p.m. in Boardroom 1.

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**Note to news media:** The conference is by invitation-only. However, presenters from both sides of the border will be available to answer questions and provide interviews during a brief news conference at 12 p.m., Wednesday, May 9 at the McAllen Convention Center, Boardroom 1. Please RSVP your attendance with Hidalgo County Public Affairs Director Julia Sullivan at (956) 292-7026.

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