CDC Microsites:
Basic Embed Instructions and Troubleshooting Tips

What is a Microsite?

A microsite is a collection of information from CDC's broader web site. Microsites are syndicatable collections on popular topics. Microsites can supplement your own web site with CDC's up-to-date, evidence-based content. As with any other syndicated content, microsites are automatically updated on your site in real time as CDC updates its web pages. CDC is here 24/7, and with microsites, staying current is easy and maintenance-free.

How do I get a Microsite?

Preview and Grab the Embed Code for any of CDC's available Microsites
https://tools.cdc.gov/medialibrary/index.aspx#/landing/mediatype/Microsite/page/1/sort/desc/group/0

1. This link takes you to CDC's Public Health Media Library where you can select and preview available microsites.
2. Select a microsite. You will be linked to a Preview tab. From there, you can select the Embed Code tab where you will enter your embed options.
3. Copy and paste the resulting embed code into the code view of a page on your website. The microsite can be inserted into an exsiting page, above or below existing content, or on a blank page.

Troubleshooting Tips

Content Management Systems

- **Code View**: You must paste the embed code into the code view of your web page. This view is usually marked "code" or "<>" or "</>"

- **Permissions**: Some users may not be able to get to the code view of their web page. If this happens to you, it may mean that your user permissions need to be set so that you can access the code view.

- **iframes**: Some content management systems, including Google Sites, do not support iframes, and so will not support the current CDC microsite versions.

Browsers

- **Best View:** The microsite is best viewed in Internet Explorer(IE)9 and above, Chrome, Firefox, and Safari.

- **Compatibility Mode for IE**:
  - The following <meta> tag is recommended for pages using the Zika Virus Microsite embed code, and the content value must be set to IE9 or above, or Edge as shown here:
    <meta http-equiv="x-ua-compatible" content="IE=Edge">
  - The microsite does not render properly if:
    - Your browser is set on compatibility mode.
    - Your Web page contains instructions in the code to force compatibility mode.

           ▪   If your internal network forces IE into compatability mode or changes the document mode to IE8 or below.
- o   If you are having issues in IE, with your sample page open, push F12. In the developer window that opens, click on the Emulation tab. Verify that the Document Mode dropdown is set to Edge.

JavaScript

- **Errors**: The microsite references a JavaScript library hosted at CDC. However, if your page contains existing Javascript errors, even if they do not affect the browser view of the page, they may prevent the microsite from rendering properly. See these sites for additional help:
  - o   Chrome: https://developer.chrome.com/devtools/docs/javascript-debugging
  - o   FireFox: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Debugging_JavaScript
  - o   IE: http://www.htmlgoodies.com/html5/tutorials/script-debugging-using-the-internet-explorerdeveloper-tools.html#fbid=X7RL6WYbHw9

Responsive Design

- **RD Template**: If your site is in a responsive design template, place the microsite in its own <div></div> and it will respond accordingly, optimized for desktop, tablet, and smartphone views.

If you have questions about embedding CDC microsites, please contact us by sending an email to IMTech@cdc.gov with a subject line of Microsite Help.