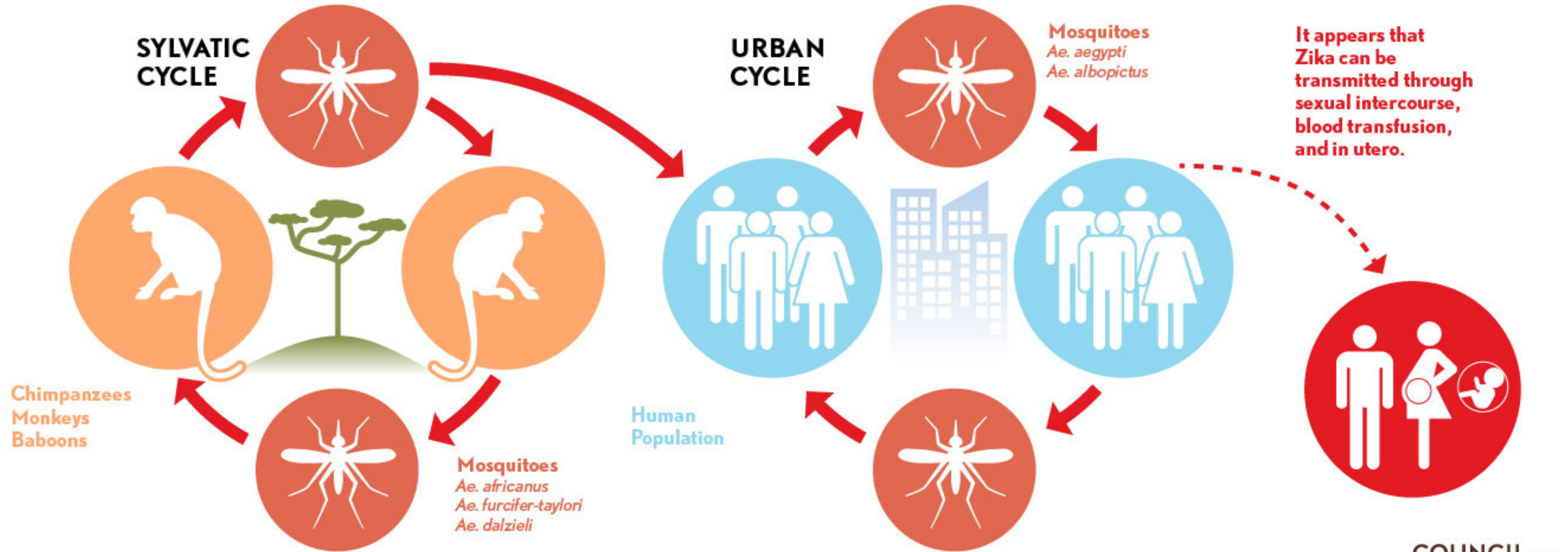


# How the Zika Virus Enters the Human Population

The virus originates with nonhuman primates in tropical rainforests but can infect humans. Warm, urban environments with standing pools of water attract mosquitoes, and can lead to the virus's spread.



It appears that Zika can be transmitted through sexual intercourse, blood transfusion, and in utero.

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