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Title:	Six-year-old Wayanad girl's death due to Shigella, Kerala			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Wayanad, SSU-Kerala			

Health department has intensified preventive measures after it was found that the death of the six-year-old tribal girl from the Pilakkavu Kattunayikka colony in Noolpuzha panchayat on April 2 was due to Shigella bacterial infection. The girl had sought medical treatment at a private clinic following diarrhoea and had died while she was being shifted to the Sulthan Bathery Taluk Hospital.

The cause of death was confirmed on Friday in the results of the tests conducted at the Kozhikode Medical College Hospital.

Wayanad district medical officer Dr R Renuka said that people should maintain vigil as Shigella bacterial infection had been confirmed in eight persons in the district so far and had claimed two lives. She however added that currently there were no confirmed Shigella cases under treatment in the district.

The DMO said that surveillance activities have been conducted in Pilakkavu colony and chlorination of wells and other water sources have been carried out. A 59-year-

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old Cheeral native who had died at the Kozhikode Medical College Hospital on March 15 was confirmed to be due to Shigella.

Renuka said that fever and diarrhea were the symptoms of the disease and asked the people to strictly ensure that they drink only boiled water and conduct chlorination of water sources. Also, public have been urged to maintain proper personal hygiene measures including washing of hands after using toilets.

Shigella infection is an intestinal infection caused by Shigella bacteria. The main symptoms include diarrhea, often with traces of blood and mucus in the stool, stomach pain and fever. The symptoms may appear within seven days after exposure.

Shigella is spread through contaminated food and water and can also be spread by direct contact with feces from an infected person.

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