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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Four cases of cholera confirmed in Wayanad district, Kerala</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Wayanad, SSU- Kerala			

Two more children in Wayanad were diagnosed with cholera. With this, the number persons who are affected by the contagious disease has reached four. All are Assam natives. A seven-year-old boy who is under treatment at Kalpetta General Hospital and a 11-year-old boy who is admitted in a private medical college in Meppady were confirmed with cholera recently. Since Monday onwards, the two children were under treatment for severe diarrhea and vomiting. Two Assam natives who were under treatment for severe vomiting and diarrhea were diagnosed with cholera on Wednesday. It was confirmed that the two admitted in the medical college hospital were suffering from cholera after the extensive medical report came. The disease has been confirmed in a 30-year-old woman and a 12-year-old boy. The medical reports of 10 people who were admitted along with them on Monday with the same symptoms are yet to come

Meanwhile, the bystander of the young boy also started showing symptoms of cholera. He was admitted to the medical college hospital for treatment on Wednesday. A five-year-old child was admitted to Kalpetta General Hospital on

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Wednesday showing similar symptoms. With this, 14 people including 6 children are undergoing treatment. All the patients hail from Assam. Six families from Assam had reached Nedungarani on May 3 to work as laborers at a private estate in Meppadi. They were undergoing treatment since Monday morning after suffering severe vomiting and diarrhea. The child in the critical stage was admitted first to a private medical college hospital in Meppadi after officials from the Department of Health had intervened. Seeing that more people were falling sick later on, the contractor himself took the rest of them to Kalpetta General Hospital. Three people who were in critical condition were admitted to the medical college hospital on Monday. On Tuesday, two of the patients took discharge from the hospital after recovering from the disease. They are under the observation of the Department of Health. All have been sheltered in the isolation ward. The hospital superintendent Dr. Aswathi Madhavan informed that the patients have recovered from the critical condition and that there is nothing to worry about. Preventive measures taken The Department of Health had taken preventive measures soon after the symptoms of cholera were identified. Soon after the disease was identified as cholera on Monday, actions to prevent the disease was intensified. Two wells that were being used to collect water for the paddy fields in Nedungarni were chlorinated. The water used for drinking was also chlorinated. Officials went about spreading awareness about this in the nearby paddy fields. They are being accompanied by a translator who would help them in speaking to the people from Assam.

They had also distributed medicines that would help in prevention. A medical camp was conducted on Thursday morning at Nedumgarni. An awareness class was also conducted in a madrasa. ORS was made available to households. A team including Dr. Lidia, health inspector M.V Biju, junior health inspector Remya, and J.P.H.N Leelamma were behind the effective fulfillment of the preventive measures. Cholera symptoms Diarrhoea, vomiting, dry mouth, low blood pressure, increase in heartbeat rate, etc. are the main symptoms of cholera. Cholera can turn critical if the body of the patient gets dehydrated beyond the limit due to excessive vomiting and diarrhea. Dehydration can be avoided by drinking enough water and taking O.R.C.S which is available from healthcare professionals and Asha workers. The disease spreads when food and water consumed gets contaminated by the microbes that come out through the stool of a cholera patient.

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Things to be noted Super chlorinate all the drinking water resources. Make sure to use chlorinated water for cooking as well as washing utensils. Use only boiled water for drinking. Keep the food covered to prevent houseflies from having contact with your food. Wash your hands using soap before eating. Make sure to clean your hands with soap before and after using the washroom.

Wash the vegetables and fruits well before using. Do not mix normal water in the hot water given at hotels, bakeries and cool bars. Make use of clean water to make ice, sip-up and so on. Nothing to worry about Dr. R Renuka, DMO of Wayanad said that "even though 4 people were diagnosed with cholera, there is nothing to be worried about. Required medicines were given to the patients who came with symptoms of cholera. Preventive measures are also being taken. Everybody must take care to maintain personal hygiene as well as environmental hygiene

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