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Title:	<b>Swine flu reported at Kerala's Kavalangad panchayat in Ernakulam</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Ernakulam, SSU- Kerala			

A swine flu outbreak has been reported again in Ernakulam after the one at Pampakuda in Muvattupuzha in December last year. The latest outbreak has been reported in a pig farm at Kavalangad panchayat near Neriamangalam.

There were around 90 pigs in the farm and now it has been reduced to less than 35 following the flu.

According to animal husbandry department officials, a rapid response team has been formed to cull the remaining pigs in the farm. They will begin culling on Monday. The team will also keep a tab on the 10km radius of the farm where the infection was first reported. A control room has been opened at the district office.

As many as 16 officials, including veterinary doctors and assistants, have been posted to do the stunning and stamping of the infected pigs at the farm.

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"We will use an electric stunning method where the animal will die in seconds. It is like a form of mercy killing. The carcass will be buried in an eight-foot deep pit," said an official with the district animal husbandry office.

The pigs might have been infected either through food waste or from wild boars as most of the pig farms are situated close to forest areas. The virus spreads fast as it is air-borne and zoonotic, said the official.

Once the culling and burying of the carcass is over, those who were part of the process would quarantine themselves for the next three days. At Pampakuda, 27 pigs were culled due to swine flu in December.

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