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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Suspected food poisoning in Kozhikode school: Shigella bacteria found in meal</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Kozhikode, SSU-Kerala			

The presence of Shigella bacteria was found in the meal served in Keezhpayoor West LP School which had resulted in a food poisoning incident. Following this the district administration has issued strict instructions. However, one week into the incident, the source of the deadly bacteria hasn't been identified. The source can be confirmed only after the test results from the Regional Analytical Lab is obtained. Now the test result of only water is obtained. The presence of coliform bacteria was found in it, but there were no E. coli bacteria. Hence the source can be found only after obtaining complete test results, said DMO Dr V Jayasree.

In the wake of this, the district disaster management met under deputy collector Shamin Sebastian and instructed the school authorities. The responsibility of meals in school vests with the midday meal committee. PTA president, school HM, ward member, two teachers and student representative are included in the committee. The nodal officer among the teacher will be responsible for the meal distribution. All norms are to be followed. The quality of the water, utensils, rice, vegetables and other edible items are to be ensured. All the cereals and vegetables are to be properly

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washed before cooking. The plates and glasses are to be washed in hot water before giving food in it. Only boiled water should be given for drinking. Also the work efficiency of the cook is to be ensured. Their age, physical fitness, diseases are to be considered. Food auditing should be conducted and reports are to be submitted to AEO.

The auditing reports should be handed over to the health officials and food inspection officials if demanded. If any lapses are found, strict action will be taken against nodal officer as per Disaster Management Act.

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