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Title:	Dengue & chickenpox cases on the rise in district again in district Ernakulam, Kerala			
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Dengue fever and chickenpox cases are showing a rising trend in the district from last month when compared to previous months in Ernakulam.

Health department officials attributed soaring temperature and intermittent showers as the reasons for the sudden spike. As per the data, 120 suspected dengue cases were reported in March as against 88 each in January and February. Meanwhile, confirmed dengue cases reported in March were 49 against 25 in February and 44 in January. Leptospirosis viral hepatitis B and C also reported a rise in March. As many as 37 chickenpox cases were reported in March against 29 and 19 in January and February, respectively, this year.

It has been noted that most of the dengue cases are being reported in the corporation limits, including Fort Kochi and Ponnuruni.

“The challenge before us is that dengue cases will rise further in the district, especially in the corporation limits, due to intermittent showers. We are strengthening activities to prevent the rise in dengue cases. We had held a meeting

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with officials of all departments apprising them of the situation,” said a health department official.

Health officials have urged people to observe dry days on Sundays in houses, Fridays in schools and Saturdays in offices to eradicate mosquitoes at sources itself. They also advise the public to avoid growing money plants and other plants inside houses. If one wants it inside, one can grow it on soil instead of water. A total of 275 suspected dengue cases and 116 confirmed cases were reported till March 25 in Ernakulam. Three suspected dengue deaths were also reported during the period. There were 1,721 suspected dengue fever cases and 941 confirmed cases in 2020.

Most of the cases were reported from Tripunithura, Perumbavoor, Maradu, Thrikkakara municipality limits and Gandhinagar, Pachalam, Thattazham, Elamakkara South in corporation and Kunnathunad panchayat limits.

The symptoms of the disease are headache, pain in the eyes, muscle pain and joint pain. Red rashes on the body, vomiting, stomach pain, bleeding on the body, breathlessness and low blood pressure are the other symptoms which call for urgent medical attention. As the symptoms are similar to Covid, the patient should avoid self medication.

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