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Even as the civic administration is trying to contain the spread of dengue and chikungunya in the city, diseases like cholera, typhoid and jaundice, primarily caused due to consumption of contaminated water and food, are also on the rise.

The city has reported 147 cases of typhoid and 159 cases of jaundice, between January 1 and August 11, this year as against 123 cases of typhoid and 139 cases of jaundice recorded throughout last year. In the last five years, cholera cases have been sporadic with zero fatality. Fifteen people have been affected and one person has died of the disease so far this year. This was revealed in a latest report by Pune Municipal Corporation which analyses the trend of diseases in last five years.

However, health activists have said there is under-reporting of cases and claim that the number of diarrhoeal, gastro, and typhoid cases and deaths could be higher than what is recorded by health authorities.

"The cases of water-borne diseases are mainly reported from the city's outskirts. These are the areas where awareness regarding drinking boiled water during monsoon is less prevalent. Our staff from the health department are paying door-to-door visits to sensitise residents about the preventive measures to be taken," said S T Pardeshi, chief of PMC's health department.

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"The summer season was tough this year due to scarcity of water. The shortage compelled people to use water that may not be clean," said senior paediatrician Sharad Agarkhedkar. "Cholera has the potential to spread rapidly and special attention should be given to surveillance and prompt follow-up action," he added.

Residents of many localities in the city have complained about the unpleasant taste of stagnant water, doctors said. Such water should be boiled, they said, stressing on the need to maintain hygienic conditions in dealing with food and water.

The most common cause of infection is eating outside food or drinking beverages that have been handled by an infected person, or drinking contaminated water.

"Once the bacteria enter a person's body, they multiply and spread from the intestines to the bloodstream," said senior physician Prakash Mahajan.

Deaths due to waterborne diseases is a serious public health issue, such deaths are absolutely preventable if adequate measures are taken to provide safe drinking water to all. "People should preferably have home cooked food or well cooked food. Carrying filtered or boiled water is a good idea," said physician Mahesh Wayal.

Advisory

- * Drinking clean water is very important
- * Wash hands properly, especially before cooking and eating
- * Wash fruits and vegetables in clean water
- * Avoid swallowing water while swimming

2015 2016 (till August 11)

Diseases Cases Deaths Cases Deaths

Cholera 1 0 14 1

Typhoid 123 0 147 0

Jaundice 139 0 159 0

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