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The district administration is on alert to avert any possible disease outbreak as the discharged water from Mettur dam to Cauvery and Kollidam rivers, which caused flooding in a few areas in Trichy, are receding. On Monday, Trichy collector K Rajamani held a meeting with the health department officials to ensure necessary action and monitoring is done in flood-prone areas in the district, especially within the corporation limit, so that there's no breakout of water-borne and vector-borne diseases.

Health department officials for a period of seven to 10 days would be closely monitoring Alagiripuram, Srinivasanagar, Vanjakkarai, Moolathoppu and areas along Kudamuriti. According to Rajamani, preventing water contamination is number one priority. "In areas where there's water stagnation, cleaning would be carried out by chlorination and using bleaching powder. This is to ensure there is no breakout of diseases like dengue," the collector told TOI.

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Trichy deputy director of health services (DDHS) Dr A Subramani said that medical teams have been stationed at Lalgudi block, Thiruverumbur block and at a few spots along the Karur Road. He said that fever and diarrhoea are the two most common diseases, which would be caused during floods.

“So far, everything is under control. But medical teams are camped at certain areas so that they do a complete medical inspection if there’s a higher incidence of fever or diarrhoea in a particular area. Also, we have been checking if people are reporting any unknown bites or snakes and animal bites,” the DDHS said. Subramani added that drinking water supply would also be intensively monitored for a few days. Meanwhile, doctors in the city have urged people to drink only boiled water, especially during this time and advised them to immediately visit a hospital if they get fever or any other communicable illnesses.

They said that if water stagnation isn’t addressed properly, it could increase transmission of certain communicable diseases. “During flooding, a few diseases are more common among children. Water clogging might cause infections, conjunctivitis and ear, nose and throat infections,” paediatrician and asthma specialist Dr G Kamal said. He also said that water stagnation might also cause aggravation of certain chronic illnesses among people

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