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The district health department has issued an alert to citizens to watch out for jaundice symptoms following reports of such cases in Kothamangalam. It has confirmed two cases of jaundice and 10 suspected cases of Hepatitis A in ward 13 of Nellikuzhy panchayat in Kothamangalam. Following this, the health department officials have asked the public to drink only boiled water and instructed hotels, bakeries and restaurants to supply only boiled water and properly cooked food.

"We are monitoring the situation, which is well under control. Even if a person has fever, he or she is being advised to seek medical attention," said Dr Ashok Kumar, additional district medical officer, Ernakulam.

Officials said that jaundice cases have been reported in the same places where there was an outbreak around the same time last year.

"A labourer who returned from Erwadi and two students in the panchayat are at present diagnosed with jaundice. Their family members are also being monitored since they have started showing symptoms of fever," said Vinu K P, epidemiologist, DMO office.

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The health department has started chlorination of water bodies and medical assistance is being provided, wherever it is needed.

Last year, the food and water served in all hotels and cool bars in Kothamangalam and Nellikuzhi areas were put under surveillance following death of three people suspected of having contracted hepatitis.

In the first week of December last year, more than 280 people were infected at Nellikuzhi panchayat alone while those infected in and around the panchayat were around 360.

Medical camps will be organized in the area and all people be examined, sources said.

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