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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Rise in jaundice cases in Kottayam district, Kerala</b>			
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Even as the Health Department is gearing up to tackle pre-summer season diseases, Kottayam is witnessing a sharp rise in jaundice infection cases.

As per estimates, at least 40 cases of jaundice were reported from the Kottayam municipality area alone, triggering concerns of a major outbreak.

The district has so far witnessed around 115 cases of jaundice this year, which also included two similar outbreaks reported at a couple of educational institutions at Mannanam and Kidangoor. The Department has requested the civic authorities to intensify inspections at the various restaurants and wayside eateries in the affected region. Further, it has kick-started a chlorination drive to disinfect drinking water and reduce occurrence of waterborne diseases.

The situation, however, threatens to worsen further once the drinking water situation deteriorates during the summer. Officials attribute the sudden spurt in cases to transmission of the virus during its incubation period. "Most of these cases were reported during the incubation period. The outbreak has been contained," said Jacob Varghese, District Medical Officer, Kottayam.

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