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Title:	Five of a family infected with cerebral malaria in district Kozhikode, Kerala			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Kozhikode , SSU- Kerala			

Five members of a family at Puthiyappa in the city are infected by Cerebral Malaria. Health department has started intense drive to eradicate adult mosquitoes and larvae in the region to prevent the spread of the disease. Those infected by Cerebral Malaria were identified as Cherupurayil Divakaran (62), his wife Vijayamma (48), their daughter Divya (27), and Divyas children Rithi (5) and Shibi (2). All the infected persons were staying in the same house at Puthiyappa.

While the three adults are undergoing treatment at Beach General Hospital, the children are undergoing treatment at Institute of Maternity and Child Health. According to health department officials, the persons were suffering from severe fever and head ache from May 31 and June 1. Cerebral Malaria is caused by Plasmodium falciparum and affects neurological complications.

According to officials, it is rare that five members of the same family are infected by Plasmodium falciparum at the same time. Five cases of cerebral malaria were reported in the district earlier in 2016 and one death was reported at Vellayil coastal region in the city. A couple more cerebral malaria cases were also reported at Vellayil.

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