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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Three suspected diphtheria cases reported in district Malappuram, Kerala</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Malappuram, SSU-Kerala			

The report of three suspected cases of diphtheria at Tanur, Pallikkal and Cheekode has once again raised concern over the re-emergence of the disease in the district.

A special vaccination drive christened 'Operation Mukthi' was launched in Malappuram district last year after the disease was confirmed in three inmates of an orphanage here. However the fresh reports are raising concerns over the possible slip ups in the immunisation programme.

A preliminary examination conducted on the 16-year-old boy at Cheekode near Kondotty, who showed symptoms of diphtheria, has found to be positive and the throat culture swabs of the three children have been sent to Kozhikode Medical College for detailed examination. The test result will come in four days, said Dr R Renuka, deputy district medical officer (DMO) of Malappuram.

The district medical authorities will conduct a detailed survey of the unimmunised children in the areas where the suspected cases were reported, as part of the on-going vaccination drive, she added.

Pointing out that the fresh cases reported among children were above ten-year-old, the deputy DMO said one of the children was not vaccinated during his early age and the other two were only partially vaccinated.

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