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Title:	After Kozhikode, a case of Shigella disease found in Ernakulam, Kerala			
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After Kozhikode in Kerala, another case of Shigella disease has been confirmed in Ernakulam. A 56-year-old woman from Chottanikkara has been diagnosed with the disease on Wednesday. She is being treated at a private hospital in Ernakulam. The patient was admitted to the hospital on December 23 after a fever.

Ernakulam District Collector S. Suhas said that there is no cause for worry and two people are under surveillance for the disease. The health department said that immunization campaigns are underway in Chottanikkara and disinfection is being carried out in the area.

"Anti-bacterial pills will be distributed to everyone in the area as was done in Kozhikode," said officials. Seven people in Kozhikode have been diagnosed with Shigella so far while an 11-year-old boy succumbed to the disease.

What is Shigella?

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A contagious viral infection, Shigella is the more commonly used term to describe shigellosis which is caused by Shigella bacteria. Children under the age of 10 are most susceptible to contract Shigella. A person can get infected with shigellosis after drinking contaminated water or consuming stale food or even using the same toilet as an infected person.

Symptoms of Shigella

Apart from diarrhea, a person affected by Shigella may also experience fever and stomach cramps. Symptoms of Shigella usually begin a day or two after the patient has been infected and can last for up to seven days.

Precautions against Shigella

Doctors advise frequently washing hands with soap and running water to avoid infections such as Shigella.

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