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Title:	11 Covid variants found to have spread in Kerala Health department			
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The health department informed that 11 variants of coronavirus were found to have spread in the state. The Omicron variant was confirmed in 6,728 samples collected after last December. New variants XE, XH, HQ, and Omicron BA.5 were also confirmed in the state. 7 samples were found to have XE variant and 8 samples were found to have HQ variant.

After the third wave caused by the arrival of the omicron variant in January and February, the number of patients was slowly decreasing. By mid-March, the number of patients decreased and daily cases went below 1000. This continued till the second week of May, but the number of cases has been steadily increasing since then. Now the daily number of Covid cases is above 3,000. 3,198 cases were reported in the state last Friday. The only relief is due to the fact that the variant that is spreading is not deadly and that most people are properly vaccinated.

So far, 66.66 lakh Covid cases have been reported in the state. The death toll stands at 70,122. There are 28,021 people currently under treatment and observation. Several other diseases have broken out in the state, including rat

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fever, scrub typhus fever, and tomato fever. Health Minister Veena George had on June 27 said that 19 people died of rat fever this year.

However, the records of the Directorate of Health Services reveals there are 25 deaths due to rat fever and 89 deaths suspected to be due to rat fever. The number of deaths due to dengue fever has risen to 28.

Covid variants in Kerala

Alpha variant (B.1.1), Beta variant (B.1.351), Gamma variant (P.1), Delta variant (B.1.617.2), Delta plus AY.1 (B.1.617.2 + K147N), Omicron, Omicron BA.5, Omicron XE, XH.

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