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<b>Title:</b>	<b>4-yr-old killed by cholera, six more children admitted in Pune-Maharashtra</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Pune, SSU-Maharashtra			

At least seven children from a labour camp in Dudulgaon, under the twin towns, have suffered from cholera due to drinking contaminated water, killing a four-year-old girl on Sunday and sending six other minors to Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial Hospital (YCMH) in Pimpri, where they are undergoing treatment. All of the admitted children are suffering from severe dehydration and shock. In the aftermath, Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) officials have sealed off their drinking water sources and asked for the borewells to be shut as well over likely contamination.

The deceased child, Bhavika Verma, was brought to YCMH around noon on Sunday and declared dead on arrival. Three other children came with her in critical condition — Lalita Barula (5), Umeed Barula (2) and Riya Verma (7). Dr Abhijeet Byale from the YCMH paediatric department said, "All three had severe dehydration, vomiting and loose motions. They are recovering." Around 11 pm on the same night, Divyansh Yadav (2) and Roshan Yadav (6), as well as Ritesh Barula (4) were brought to YCMH as well, with similar symptoms.

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Dr Deepali Ambike, paediatric department head (HoD) at the YCMH postgraduate institute, said, "The girl likely succumbed as she did not receive the right treatment in time. If not treated immediately, children can die of cholera within three to four hours.

Cholera happens due to drinking contaminated water, especially that mixed with sewage. This is a strong possibility in this case as the victims came from a construction site. Another infection possibility is when somebody who already has cholera passes it on to others via stool, but that is not the case with these children. There is a lot of digging at the site and pipes could have leaked their contents. Even the adults who came had dehydration symptoms."

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