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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Another boy dies of suspected dengue in Madurai district, Tamil Nadu</b>			
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Weeks after a seven-year-old boy from S Alangulam in Madurai district died of suspected dengue fever, Government Rajaji Hospital (GRH) on Sunday reported the death of a 6-year-old boy from the same locality due to suspected dengue fever. However, the state government is yet to officially report even a single dengue death in 2020-2021 and the case count has also been much less this year.

According to district health officials, the boy was suffering from fever and was brought to a private clinic where he tested positive for dengue in the dengue NS1 antigen rapid test, which is not a confirmatory test. He was taken home after his fever subsided. However, later he started vomiting and his condition deteriorated and he was taken to GRH in a critical condition on Friday. But, he died of haemorrhagic fever on Sunday not responding to treatment. Health officials said that he had symptoms of dengue and his platelet count was low.

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Two suspected dengue deaths within a few weeks in the same locality in the corporation limits has left the residents in a scare. As many as 67 dengue cases were reported in the district in January, which is the highest monthly count this season. But, health officials said that there is no reason to panic. "S Alangulam locality has more than 6,000 houses with a population of 26,000. There have been hardly one or two dengue cases in the area recently. On priority, we are deploying 50 domestic breeding checkers (DBC)s in the locality to carry out preventive measures. They will be supervised by entomologists and health inspectors. After the first suspected dengue death, chlorination, fogging and fever surveillance was also carried out in the area," said Dr P Kumaragurubaran, city health officer.

The health officials urged the public to approach any hospital without delay if someone has symptoms of dengue such as high fever, headache, rashes, muscle and joint pain. "We urge the public to avoid staying at home or indulge in self-medication if someone has fever or other dengue symptoms. The patient must seek proper medical help immediately to avoid complications. We have also ordered all PHCs to take samples for testing for dengue from fever patients," said Dr Kumaragurubaran.

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