

# NIPAH VIRUS: FOCUS ON SURVEILLANCE, CONTACT TRACING, CENTRAL TEAM TELLS KERALA GOVT

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The central team from the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) that was deputed to Kerala's Kozhikode district in the wake of the [Nipah virus](#) outbreak has submitted its recommendations to the state government.

Following this, Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan to Kerala chief secretary VP Joy, recommending the measures.

To control further spread of the virus, the team has suggested the state to focus on:

## 2. Contact tracing

## 3. Hospital infrastructure and logistics

### Kerala govt's management plan

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State health minister Veena George in a statement said district authorities can prepare a separate management plan for Nipah and also informed that the treatment and discharge guidelines were also published.

She asked all districts authorities to remain cautious and to keep under observation those who are affected by encephalitis.

The state health department has been on high alert after a 12-year old boy from Kozhikode succumbed to Nipah virus infection on Sunday.

"The prime objective is surveillance, testing and treatment of the patients. As part of surveillance, effective contact tracing and quarantine will be done. Treatment protocol will be strictly followed and it will be constantly monitored," the minister said in a release.

The Nipah management plan will be coordinated at the state, district and hospital levels.

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