

■ **Kozhikode Adopts Strict Controls to Contain Nipah Virus Spread**

Tighter controls have been implemented in Kozhikode, Kerala, to contain Nipah virus infections. Stringent testing of high-risk individuals is being done and isolation wards are being set up in private hospitals. The Union Health Ministry is keeping a strict vigil over the situation. In neighbouring Karnataka, the state administration has issued an advisory to local bodies for enhancing surveillance in areas bordering Kerala, monitor roads, and prepare hospitals for potential Nipah virus infection cases, while making it mandatory for private healthcare facilities to report suspected cases of Nipah virus infection to state health authorities.

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