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**Kochi, After Flood, Health Officials, Flood Victims,  
Awareness, Hygiene, Contagious Diseases**

**Health officials  
stress the need  
for hygiene**

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**Kochi:** Health department officials have been busy raising awareness among residents, who returned homes from relief camps, on maintaining hygiene to avoid outbreak of diseases.

On Sunday, health officials along with volunteers were seen visiting houses that got inundated to distribute bleaching powder. "Diarrhoea, leptospirosis and jaundice are the three major diseases, which might spread in unhygienic conditions. We have taken precautionary methods to prevent the outbreak. There are emergency task forces at ward levels in each local body. We have asked them to raise awareness and clean the areas with the help of local body," said Dr N K Kuttappan, Ernakulam district medical officer.

Health officials advised people to clean houses using pesticides before residing and to maintain hygiene. "The district could overcome mid-July heavy rains, without any major health issues. The main concern was the possible spread of water-borne diseases. Doctors, nurses and other health officials are also trying their best to overcome any crisis," said Kuttappan.