

CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN KATHMANDU VALLEY

6th July 2022

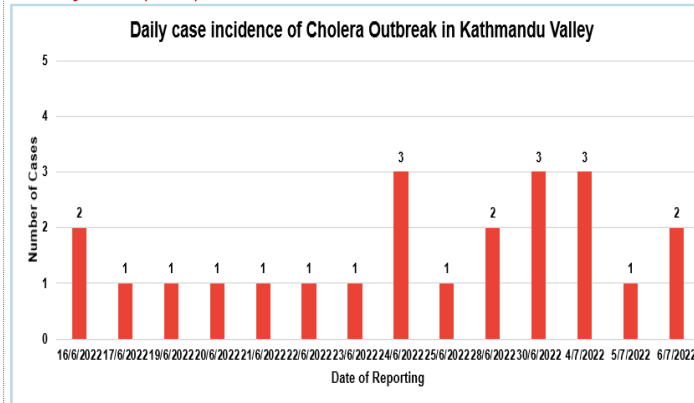
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Highlights

- As of **6th July 2022**, a total of **23 cases** of Cholera has been reported which is sporadic in occurrence.
- Cholera was confirmed by stool culture in **10 cases**, **9 by RDT** and hanging drop in **4 cases**.
- Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital (STIDH) reported 2 cases on 16 June, 1 case on 17 June, 1 case on 19 June with an additional case on 21 June 2022. Two cases are residents of Bagbazaar, Kathmandu-28; 1 case is resident of Sanepa, Lalitpur-3; 1 case from Dilibazaar, Kathmandu and 1 case from Boratar, Balaju, Kathmandu-16.
- On 20th June, Patan Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS) reported 1 microbiologically confirmed case of Cholera through EWARS, resident of Kapan, Budhanilkantha-10.
- The first two cases reported from STIDH belonged to same family and household and worked in Dillibazar area in a furnishing shop. Initial field investigation conducted by joint team from Kathmandu DHO, Metropolitan, EDCD, DFTQC and WHO revealed using tap water for drinking purpose without boiling. Initial case investigation of other two cases revealed that source of drinking water was commercial jar water.
- 4 samples of stored tap, Jar and ground water from index case household and workplace found contamination with coliform
- Till date, 1 patient is ongoing treatment at hospital and 2 are seeking care at home.
- Out of 62 water samples taken and tested jointly by DWSSM, EDCD, KUKL, 41 samples showed contamination with **fecal E.coli**.
- KVWSMB** conducted spot test of **Free Residual Chlorine (FRC)** in **21 tankers** and out of them, 10 were not detected with FRC

Epidemic curve of reported cases of Cholera in Kathmandu Valley, as of 6th July 2022 (n=23)



Key figures



Cases
23



Related deaths
0

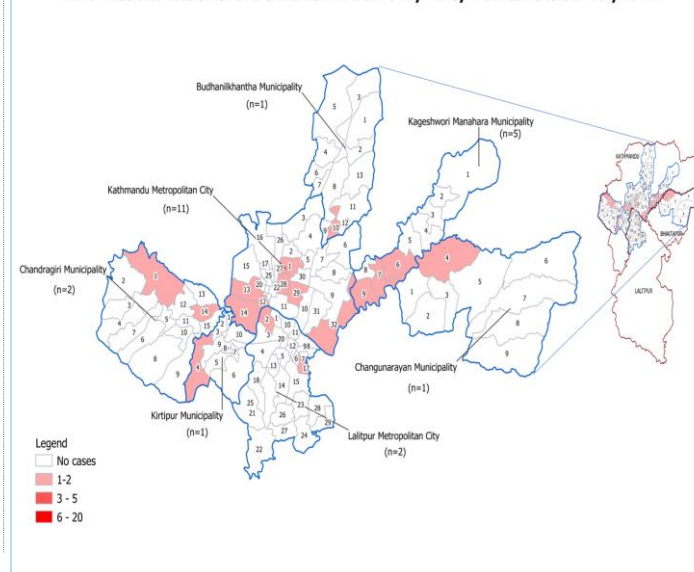


CFR
0%



Children ≤5
2

Ward-wise distribution of Cholera cases in Kathmandu Valley: 16th June to 6th July 2022



Activities of response and plan:

- On 19th June 2022 EDCD conducted **emergency meeting** on preparedness and response of Cholera involving all stakeholders from DoHS, STIDH, Kathmandu DHO, and Metropolitan.

Press brief sent to HEOC and released by MoHP

- Team division and workplan** has been formulated after meeting with concerned stakeholders
- On 1st of July 2022 A team from EDCD along with District team conducted **field epidemiological investigation at Kirtipur and brought 6 samples of three cases**.
- Door to door case finding** activities ongoing
- 2nd stakeholder meeting emphasized on **water purification and treatment, and to conduct water and food surveillance**.
- On 8th Asar, **steering committee for enteric disease meeting** was held with main action points.
- Joint water surveillance at outbreak site ongoing
- RRT Lalitpur** and **RRT team Kathmandu** oriented on outbreak investigation and surveillance in support to WHO.
- On 26th June 2022, **under the chairmanship of CDO, Lalitpur HO organized**.
- Self-testing booth** has been established at Kalimati-13,29 area and Dillibazar, Ghattekulo in coordination with local government, WASH cluster, UNICEF and **ENPHO and Piyush distributed to household at kalimati**
- RDT kits being distributed to hospitals reporting cases of Diarrhea.
- 12 Water samples** were collected from **Kathmandu, 10 from Lalitpur and 8 from Bhaktapur** district as regular water quality surveillance
- On 6th July**, **EDCD director** briefed on **cholera outbreak** on regular press brief at NTV.

Plan

- Continue setting up water testing booth at different sites.
- FCHV training for door-to-door awareness.
- Continued surveillance and field investigation and WASH interventions

