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To,

The BSA Presidents
Bhutanese Students' Association
India

Subject: Information on Nipah Virus Infection

Dear Presidents,

In continuation to the advisory sent to the Bhutanese students studying in India through the BSA presidents on the outbreak of Nipah virus on 23rd and 31st May respectively, the Department of Adult and Higher Education, Ministry of Education is hereby sharing the information leaflet on Nipah virus infection received from the Ministry of Health for dissemination to Bhutanese students in India.

Therefore, in this regard, the Department of Adult and Higher Education would like to urge all BSA presidents to disseminate the information to all students under your respective BSAs and advise them to take necessary precautions as advised through the advisory issued and the information leaflet shared. A copy of the letter from the Ministry of Health is also attached for additional information.

Yours sincerely,

(Kesang C Dorji)
Director

Cc:

1. P.S to Hon'ble Lyonchen, for his kind information
2. P.S to Hon'ble Sherig Lyonpo, for his kind information
3. Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Education for his kind information
4. Director, Department of Public Health, Ministry of Health for infomormation
5. Office file



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The Director
Department of Adult and Higher Education
Ministry of Education

Sub: Nipah information leaflets for students in Kerala

Dear Madam,

In light of the ongoing Nipah Virus Infection (NiV) in 2 States in Kerala (Kozhikode and Malappuram), India, the Ministry of Health like to seek your support in reaching the health advisory information leaflet to the students studying in Kerala.

The purpose of the leaflet is to advise the students to take precautionary measures during their stay in India and what to do in case if they travel back to Bhutan till the outbreak is contained in India.

Kindly advise the students to avoid non-essential travels to the affected districts in kerala and to be vigilant to the ongoing local developments.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Sincerely,

(Dr Karma Lhazeen)

Director

Copy to:

1. Hon'ble Secretary, MoH for kind information
2. Hon'ble Secretary, MoE for kind information
3. DG, DMS for kind information
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NIPAH VIRUS INFECTION



Symptoms:



Fever, Nausea



Dizziness,
Altered consciousness



Body ache



Shortness of breath

4 - 14
days

The symptoms may develop 4-14 days after exposure



Transmission:

- i. Animal to human: Direct handling of infected animals (pigs and bats), eating and drinking contaminated fruits and sap
- ii. Human to human through close contact with infected person

Prevention:

- i. Always practice good hand hygiene
- ii. Wash fruits properly before consumption
- iii. Avoid drinking raw date palm sap
- iv. Do not eat fruits damaged or bitten by animals

Advice:

- i. If you develop symptoms after returning from Nipah affected areas, report immediately to nearest health center or call 112
- ii. Avoid close contact with families and friends
- iii. Keep your personal belongings separately

