



Cholera Outbreak: Ogun government threatens to seal house without toilet, arrest landlords

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The Ogun State government has threatened to lock up houses without toilet facilities and arrest the landlords.

The government's threat came in the wake of the cholera outbreak which hit Abule-Otun, Lafenwa, Kuto and Idi-Aba areas of Abeokuta, the state capital.

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Dr. Adesanya Ayinde said the State Governor, Dapo Abiodun's directive to that effect would become operational this week.

He said, "The Governor opined that open defecation in the 21st century has become unacceptable world over given the danger it is capable of unleashing on human lives, such as cholera and other infections."

Ayinde said that government would soon send workers out to inspect houses across the length and breadth of the state, warning that anyone found flouting the order will face the wrath of the law.

He said, "Government will soon send its workers to inspect houses across the state. Any house owner who fails to provide toilet in his/her house will be made to face the consequences."

He said the government had swung into action on confirming an index case by commencing a thorough investigation in the suspected areas and visiting the health facilities in the communities in search of cases of any active complaints.