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In recent weeks, several cases of brain-eating amoeba (*Naegleria fowleri*) have been reported in Kerala, drawing national attention to this rare yet deadly infection. Health authorities have confirmed a few infections linked to exposure to warm, untreated freshwater sources, with most patients having a history of swimming or diving in such environments. Although these infections are extremely rare, their severity has prompted public health advisories and awareness drives across the state. Authorities are urging people to recognise early brain-eating amoeba symptoms, follow safe water practices, and seek immediate medical care if illness develops after freshwater exposure. To help increase awareness, reduce the risk and protect public health, in this article, we will discuss this amoeba infection in detail, covering its sources, early symptoms, and treatment options.

What is *Naegleria fowleri* (Brain-Eating Amoeba)?

Naegleria fowleri, commonly known as the brain-eating amoeba, is a rare single-celled amoeba that naturally lives in warm freshwater environments such as lakes, ponds, rivers, and hot springs. It is a free-living microorganism, not a virus, bacteria, or fungus, although it is often mistakenly thought to be one.

This microscopic organism becomes dangerous only when it enters the human body through the nose. From there, it can travel along the olfactory nerve to the brain and cause a severe and rapidly progressing infection called Primary Amoebic a-sympoms

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