Dear editor ,

A highly fatal emerging zoonotic virus in the form of Nipah Virus (NiV) with potential threat to global health security was reported for the first time in the South Indian district of Kozhikode (Kerala state) on May 20th 2018. Following the declaration of outbreak emergency control measures, isolation, barrier nursing and contact tracing were implemented by the State Health Department. Since there is no prophylactic drugs or vaccines were available to prevent further transmission, the health care teams responded by initiating contact tracing which was the only tool available. Quarantine and isolation of healthy persons especially Health Care Workers involve certain ethical issues. The authors have done literature review analysis and analysis was done with seven principles of public health ethics namely Justice, Beneficence , Utility , Autonomy, Liberty /Freedom, Reciprocity and Solidarity. Thus this paper covered the ethical issues of contact tracing of Health care workers (HCW) in the current out break of Nipah which is very relevant in any life threatening out breaks and discussed rarely . The authors will be very thankful to you if you publish our article in “ Indian Journal Of Medical Ethics” : the only medical journal in the country publishing ethical issues.

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