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Title:	Telangana: 43 test positive for swine flu in last fortnight			
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The number of swine flu cases in the state has risen. In the last fortnight, 43 cases have been reported, with many of these being from Hyderabad. Experts say that the number of cases may surge further in January, and an alert has been sent to hospitals to be prepared for the same..“While all district and area hospitals have been alerted on the possibility of swine flu cases increasing, currently cases are mostly being reported from private hospitals in and around the city. We have been expecting a surge in cases mostly in the month of January. As of now, out of 100 samples, less than 7% have turned out to be positive for the H1N1 virus,” said a senior official from the state health department.

Since the beginning of November, when swine flu cases usually begin to rise, hospitals have already been alerted thrice to prepare isolation wards. However, this year, the rise in cases has begun late, with most cases being reported over the last fortnight. Usually the H1N1 virus become more active with a decrease in temperature, with the common symptoms being cough, cold, fever, body pain and breathlessness. Patients having cough or sore throat with high grade fever are in the

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high-risk category, which includes pregnant women, children, elderly and those with comorbid conditions.

“Such patients should be immediately shifted to Gandhi Hospital and paediatric cases should be shifted to Niloufer Hospital, where adequately trained teams, other requisite equipment and treatment facilities are ready,” stated a recent advisory.

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