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Title:	Two students test positive for chikungunya in Khunti district, Jharkhand			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Khunti, SSU-Jharkhand			

Two students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Murhu in Khunti district, tested positive for chikungunya, state health department officials said on Saturday. A team of officials from Ranchi also visited the school campus after their Khunti counterparts informed them about the matter.

Health officials on Saturday said the Khunti sadar hospital authorities first collected blood samples of students from the school following reports of swelling in hands and pain in finger joints. Initially, the students were taken to the Community Health Centre (CHC) of Murhu for treatment. When more students showed similar symptoms, a medical team from Khunti sadar hospital went to the campus for screening of students on Tuesday.

Reports thereafter confirmed the two positive cases. Currently, both the infected students have been admitted to Khunti sadar hospital while and 23 others are being treated at the CHC, Murhu. On Saturday, the visiting team carried out sanitization

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activities on the campus by spraying anti-larval medicines in hostels and classrooms. The team also directed the school administration to carry out fogging across the campus and distribute medicated mosquito nets to the students.

State program officer of vector-borne disease control programme, Dr V N Khanna, suggested that that students should wear full sleeves and refrain from storing water in containers. State entomologist Sagya Singh said: "We have carried out the sanitization drive and have also counselled the students on the breeding of Aedes larva. We have also asked them to stop using the water from the well as there are chances that water is infected.

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