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Title:	Two scrub typhus cases in Noida after 6 years in district Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh			
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The district has reported two cases of scrub typhus, the first in six years. The two patients have been undergoing treatment for more than a week at a private hospital, which allegedly did not inform the health department about them. The authorities are now mulling action against the private facility.

Sources said the patients — a 14-year-old girl from Garhi Shahdara and a 56-year-old woman from Nagli Wazidpur — had been admitted to the hospital with high fever and rashes. Like malaria and dengue, scrub typhus is also a vector-borne disease. It is a bacterial infection transmitted through mite bites.

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What is scrub typhus?

It is a bacterial infection from mite bites. It usually occurs in areas where people are in regular contact with shrubs, grass and bushes infested with mites. Insecticides are sprayed to control the infestation

Common symptoms

- Fever
- Headache
- Body ache



- Rashes
- Gastrointestinal problems

Scrub typhus cases in Noida

2021: **2** (Till Sept 7)
Since 2016, no cases have been reported in Noida

Officials said the health department was fogging and using anti-larvae insecticides in areas where the patients live. “We have been conducting fever surveillance in the areas to check if there are more cases. Since this is the season and a large number of people have been complaining of viral fever, we are asking people to maintain hygiene and not let fresh water accumulate. All the authorities have been instructed to closely monitor the cleaning of drains,” said Narendra Bhooshan, the nodal officer for vector-borne disease control.

The health department has also asked hospitals to inform it about any dengue, malaria or scrub typhus cases. Officials are keeping beds reserved at all government hospitals for such patients and malaria tests have been made mandatory for anyone being admitted with fever.

“We are sending a notice to the private hospital where the two patients are admitted, seeking an explanation why they did not inform the health department when scrub typhus is a notified disease. Meanwhile, all hospitals have been told that they cannot confirm dengue, malaria and scrub typhus cases without sending the samples to the centralised lab at the District Hospital,” said Rajesh Sharma, the district malaria officer.

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