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Sporadic cases of chikungunya have been reported from some areas in the the city. The health officials of Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC) have appealed to the citizens not to confuse other viral infections with dengue or chikungunya and get the blood samples tested immediately if symptoms start showing. The appeal has come after several residents from Balaji Park area complained about chikungunya-like symptoms.

Last week, seven cases of chikungunya and eight cases of dengue have been reported in the city. The health officials said that measures like fogging and disinfecting, coupled with finding suspects, have helped control spread of the vector-borne diseases.

KMC's chief health officer Dilip Patil said, "We have had sporadic cases of both dengue and Chikungunya. Once the suspects get admitted to the private hospitals

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with symptoms, the hospitals have to immediately inform us so that appropriate measures can be taken in the concerned suspect's locality. "

Both dengue and Chikungunya have similar symptoms. However, the latter is accompanied by pain in the joints. "In viral infection, body ache can be severe but should not be confused with Chickungunya," said Patil.

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