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Title:	One death due to leptospirosis in Mumbai, Maharashtra			
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An 18-year-old girl from Govandi succumbed to complications of a leptospirosis infection at civic-run Sion Hospital on August 6. She is the fifth victim this monsoon of the bacterial infection, which spreads due to walking in flood water contaminated with urine of infected animals.

In the first week of August, 101 patients with suspected leptospirosis were admitted to various civic officials. However, only 45 patients turned out to have leptospirosis after a confirmatory test, said a health report released by the BMC on Tuesday. The report also showed that 245 people were admitted with suspected dengue, but only 19 showed positive for the viral fever.

The girl's locality, the slum sprawl of Gautam Nagar, was flooded several times in the last couple of months. She developed high fever and started vomiting on August 1 and was rushed to Sion hospital where she passed away on August 6, said a health report sent by the BMC on Tuesday. A senior BMC official said the patient suffered a known complication of a leptospirosis infection called acute respiratory distress syndrome. However, BMC officials said that the cases of leptospirosis are scattered across the city to suggest any outbreak of the infection like in 2015. Over 20 people died due to leptospirosis in 2015, most of them in July. Meanwhile, following the teenager's death, the BMC sent surveillance teams in the Gautam Nagar slum to look for other patients with leptospirosis symptoms.

The press release said that 2,400 houses were surveyed, with 9,500 people checked for symptoms like fever. Around 25 people were found with fever and have been started on treatment. Senior medical consultant Dr Amol Manerkar said the number of patients coming in with dengue has gone up in the last few days.

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