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Title:	Dengue threat hovers, city sees 200 suspected cases in 3 weeks in Gurugram, Haryana			
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The city has recorded 200 suspected dengue cases in the first 20 days of July, prompting the health department to announce a dedicated dengue ward at the Civil Hospital in the city and direct other hospitals to do the same.

The spurt in dengue-like symptoms comes after the city received multiple spells of showers, most of which have led to flooding of residential colonies and roads. The rainy weather coupled with high humidity have increased the incidence of flu and vector-borne diseases such as dengue.

The health department on Thursday said a 35-bed dengue ward will be set up at the Civil Hospital in Sector 10. The government hospitals in Pataudi and Sohna will also reserve five beds each for dengue patients.

All private hospitals in the city, too, have been directed to set up a separate ward for dengue patients and to stay on alert. The department also asked them to collect samples for tests from dedicated flu and screening corners.

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"We are on alert as suspected dengue cases are on the rise. For patients admitted at government hospitals with dengue, platelets will be available free of cost," said Dr Virender Yadav, chief medical officer, Gurgaon.

The department has also capped the charges for tests. The maximum a private hospital can charge for dengue and chikungunya tests is Rs 600, and the cap is Rs 1,000 for an RT-PCR test to check for chikungunya.

If a person is suffering from high fever, nausea, joint and muscle pain, red rashes on skin and fatigue, he or she should contact a health centre immediately, the CMO added.

Till July 20 this year, the health department issued 2,371 notices to residents and commercial units after around 26.7 lakh structures were inspected and 12,441 larvae found. Areas where the majority of larvae were found include DLF-1, 2, 3, 4, sectors 46, 57, 67 and Sushant Lok-1.

Doctors say humid conditions with stagnant water allow the dengue-causing mosquitoes to multiply rapidly.

"The number of cases has started rising. Of every 10 cases of fever that we see in OPDs, two patients are diagnosed with dengue. But only 1-2 patients need to be hospitalised. Still, this is just the initial spurt in cases. It is likely to go on... What is happening is that we are also getting patients with typhoid and flu-like illnesses. So, diagnosis is important and getting a blood test early during the course of fever is key to treatment," said Dr Ashutosh Shukla, senior director for internal medicine and medical adviser at Max Hospital, Gurgaon.

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