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Title:	With three new cases, swine flu rears head in district Meerut, Uttar Pradesh			
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An advisory issued by the health department after three cases of swine flu were reported in Meerut city has returned spotlight on the deadly disease after a hiatus of some months. With three cases reported in the first month of the year, the health department is making sure all their arrangements are complete.

According to details provided by the health department, the first case in Meerut, reported on Thursday, was of a 62-year-old man. Next day, his 28-year-old son was also diagnosed positive. The elderly man was detected with symptoms that were eventually detected as swine flu, had just returned from Roorkee, where he had gone for a wedding a few days ago. Both of them live in Sadar. The third case was reported from Phool Bagh Colony on Saturday.

"An advisory has been issued in the matter and all residents have been asked to report any symptoms directly to the doctor. Meanwhile, private hospitals have been asked to make isolation wards for patients with swine flu. This is because many

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private hospitals put Swine Flu patients in ICU with other patients, despite our instructions that the disease is communicable and patients should be kept in isolation wards. This is not correct, and so, all private hospitals have been asked to make separate wards for swine flu, to ensure that neither other patients nor hospital staffs get infected," said Dr Raj Kumar, chief medical officer, Meerut.

The last case of swine flu reported in Meerut was on October 17, 2019. A total of 399 cases of swine flu were reported in 2019, against 24 cases in 2018.

Areas where the swine flu affected live are being surveilled to check if there are more, unknown cases. Awareness camps are also being organised in these places so that people in these areas can exercise caution. Also, epidemiological study and travel history of patients is being checked, said health department authorities.

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