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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Nagpur reports 31 measles cases in 45 days this year, Maharashtra</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Nagpur, SSU- Maharashtra			

The city has reported 31 confirmed cases of measles between January 1 and February 17 this year. The number is almost thrice that of entire 2022 when 11 cases were reported.

Out of 31 cases reported so far, 11 are from Mominpura, putting the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) administration on alert. It has been observed that people from Muslim-dominated localities are reluctant to take the measles jab.

Record 31 measles cases in first 45 days of '23 in city

The NMC health department is now planning some innovative campaigns involving religious leaders, social organizations and influential people from the community to convince people from Mominpura to get their kids vaccinated against measles.

A review meeting was held at NMC headquarters on Friday in this regard. "Many parents are reluctant to vaccinate their children due to rumours and confusion. As a

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result, the risk of measles infection is slowly increasing in the city," said additional municipal commissioner Ram Joshi.


Joshi said that this year 82 measles suspects were found in the city. Tests confirmed 31 measles cases while two children tested positive for rubella.


The highest 11 measles cases were recorded in Gandhibagh zone, followed by 10 in Nehru Nagar zone, six in Ashi Nagar zone, two in Mangalwari zone and one each in Laxmi Nagar zone and Dharampeth zone.

An additional dose of measles vaccine has been planned to protect children in the age group 9 months to 5 years. NMC health officer Dr Narendra Bahirwar appealed to residents of Mominpura and other areas to take the additional dose at civil health centre for free of cost.

A general physician practising in Mominpura told TOI that the number of measles patients could be more than the official figure. "Initial symptoms like fever, chills, red eyes, and cough can be seen in many children. As majority of them are vaccinated, they are recovering without serious complications. Others get rashes, which spread from the forehead and then to the neck and limbs," said the doctor.

## JAB IS EFFECTIVE

<p>➤ One dose of MMR vaccine is 93% effective against measles, 78% effective against mumps, and 97% effective against rubella</p>	<p>➤ Two doses of MMR vaccine are 97% effective against measles and 88% effective against mumps</p>	<p>➤ One additional dose of MMR is advised to all children aged 9 months to 5 years in vulnerable areas like Mominpura</p>	 <p>➤ This special dose is addition to the primary vaccination schedule</p>
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