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Title:	In Vadodara, swine flu cases start trickling in, Gujarat			
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Even as the city grapples with dengue cases and the fear of Covid-19 third wave, swine flu cases have started surfacing. One person has also lost his life due to the viral flu.

Public health officials in the city were much relieved when hardly any swine flu cases were reported last year. This had ensured that such patients did not occupy beds that were needed desperately for Covid-19 patients.

While swine flu does not spread as widely and rapidly as Covid-19, sources said that the death rate due to the flu is higher as compared to Covid-19. In 2019, several deaths attributed to the flu had sparked a row. But the 'official' data now available shows that only nine person out of 441 who tested positive have died.

VMC sources said that the data of deaths was confirmed by the state government after a death audit. Much like Covid-19, deaths of several swine flu patients that took place primarily due to other reasons were excluded from the official data.

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The number of cases this year, however, is not being considered alarming by the civic body. "It has become an endemic disease now and cases may keep surfacing," said VMC's medical officer (health) Dr Devesh Patel. ◆Save Water- Save Life, ♣ Save a tree- Don't print unless it's really necessary! Disclaimer:- This is a media alert subject to verification. Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), National Centre for Disease Control, Ministry Of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India 22-Sham Nath Marg, Delhi – 110 054 For more information please contact: Media Scanning & Verification Cell: - Phone (011)23946029 Email: - idsp-msc@nic.in, idsp-npo@nic.in http://www.facebook.com/pages/Media-Scanning-Verification-Cell-IDSPNCDC/137297949672921 Join us on

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