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Covid-19 may still be scaring most in the city, but it is another viral fever that people should guard against. Dengue has started raising its head in the city and may take worrying proportions in the coming weeks and months.

On Wednesday, as compared to three Covid cases in the city, 12 dengue cases were reported. On Tuesday too while only two Covid-19 cases were reported, 12 persons had tested positive for dengue.

An official said that usually dengue starts raising its head in August and continues till December in the city. It is the breeding of mosquitoes in fresh water that leads to the spread of the disease.

Officials pointed out that the only way to control the disease is to ensure that mosquito breeding stops. They added that despite appeals and awareness drives, this was ignored.



Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) medical officer (health) Dr Devesh Patel said that the transmission usually begins in July and can continue till November or December. "If water remains stagnant for three to four days, mosquito breeding can start in it," he said.

VMC has started a massive drive to go door-to-door and check possible breeding places since August 2. So far, 4,414 containers where breeding was happening were found. In all, the teams came across 3,944 fever cases during the drive.

Besides dengue, cases of chikungunya are also being reported in the city. Sources added that very few malaria cases were being reported and the disease had not reached alarming proportions.

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