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Title:	Ganesh Peth resident tests positive for leptospirosis in Pune district, Maharashtra			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Pune, SSU-Maharashtra			

A 56-year-old woman from Ganesh Peth tested positive for leptospirosis, a deadly bacterial infection, at the state-run referral laboratory in the city on July 19, prompting health officials to intensify the disease surveillance. As many as nine people have tested positive for leptospirosis in the city this year so far, with the previous case being that of a Balewadi resident, who tested positive for the disease on July 4.

The woman complained of loose motion, vomiting, fever and generalised weakness. She was admitted to Shree Samaratha Hospital in Rasta Peth on July 11. "She runs a milk business and has a cattle-shed at home. The disease spreads through urine of infected animals, including cattle," hospital's critical care expert Suhas Kalshetty said.

The doctor said the woman presented with low platelet count and was initially suspected to be a dengue patient. "This was, however, ruled out after conducting her

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blood test. In view of her derailed kidney and liver functions, we tested her for leptospirosis and she tested positive for it," he added.

The woman is also a known patient of diabetes and hypertension. The timely diagnosis and appropriate treatment helped the woman recover faster. "She was discharged on July 20, following successful recovery," Kalshetty said.

If not treated properly, leptospirosis patients can suffer from kidney damage, meningitis (inflammation of the membrane around the brain and spinal cord), liver failure, and respiratory distress, experts said, adding that death could occur in rare cases.

Public health expert Sanjeev Wavare, assistant medical officer of health, Pune Municipal Corporation, said, "We are going to carry out fever surveillance in the area surrounding the woman's home."

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