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Title:	Suspected cases of measles were reported from Punjab			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Jalandhar, Bathinda, SSU-Punjab			

Measles outbreak is suspected in Beant Nagar and adjoining areas as around a dozen cases of children affected with the infectious virus have been reported from these areas in the past one week. While nearly nine suspected cases of measles were reported from Beant Nagar (Dhobiana Basti), two cases are from the adjoining the Bhagu road area. As many as seven cases have been reported from two adjoining streets in Beant Nagar and two cases are from EWS colony quarters situated at a distance of 100m. Some affected children were referred to the Civil Hospital, laboratory tests of others are being conducted to confirm the presence of virus. One among them is being administered measles vaccination.

Meanwhile, officials of the Health Department have swung into action and "as the matter came to light at an early stage, efforts are afoot to nip it (the virus) in the bud", claimed department officials. An official, on condition of anonymity, said teams of health workers had already intensified scrutiny in these areas to identify more cases. Although the official figure of suspected measles cases is less than a dozen till now, more such cases are expected to be identified in the coming days, he added. He warned that if the affected children are not vaccinated on time, the infectious virus might spread its tentacles in other parts of the city.

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Situated on the outskirts of the city, Beant Nagar and Dhobiana Basti areas house people from economically weaker section and people here dwell in utterly unhygienic conditions with garbage strewn in the area emanating foul smell at any hour of the day. Talking to Bathinda Tribune, Kundan Pal, district immunisation officer, said, "We are investigating all suspected measles cases and once confirmed, these children would be duly treated." When asked if these children were immunised, he said, "All these children were immunised for measles, therefore the effect of the virus would not be fatal or severe."

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