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Title:	Medical facilities on alert in Punjab after state receives first swine flu case			
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Medical facilities across Punjab have been put on alert after the state received its first swine flu case. A 50-year-old woman from Nabha was tested positive for the disease after she was admitted to a private hospital in Chandigarh.

Confirming the development, Dr Gagandeep Singh Grover, state programme officer for Punjab's National Vector-Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) said the woman was on a 20-day visit to Mathura-Vrindavan from where she returned with a high-grade fever. Her samples were sent to the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Chandigarh which confirmed swine flu.

Punjab health minister Brahm Mohindra said the government had revived the situation and all precautionary measures were into place to deal with swine flu. He said the additional chief secretary, health held a meeting with the top officials of the department and instructions have been given to hospitals and medical care centres across state to ensure proper screening of patients showing signs of swine flu.

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Last year, the state had registered a total of 239 cases of swine flu from various districts including Ludhiana, Patiala, Sangrur and Bathinda and 76 deaths had been confirmed due to the H1N1 virus. Even this year, a total of eight deaths have been reported till February with 24 confirmed cases of swine flu.

The minister said the state was fully prepared to deal with cases of swine flu and ample stock of Tamiflu. He said hospitals are asked to keep isolation wards ready and provide immediate treatment to cases of swine flu.

Apart from the woman, a 45-year-old man from Mohali was also admitted to a private hospital in Chandigarh with swine flu symptoms, but tests turned out to be negative.

Dr Grover said early reporting and initiation of treatment with antivirals can decrease morbidity and mortality. He said last year most deaths were due to delay in detection or start of medication.

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