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Title:	Long rain spell, viral infections rise 75% in district Gurugram, Haryana			
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This monsoon has seen a huge spike in cases of viral infection. According to data provided by the Civil hospital, a total of 5,024 such cases have been reported this year as compared to last year's 2,875 cases, a rise of around 75%. A whopping 403 suspected dengue cases have been reported, but only 26 have been confirmed so far, down from 36 in 2017. No dengue death has been reported this year.

Other vector-borne diseases have also seen a dip, with 17 people being diagnosed with malaria against 44 last year. No cases of chikungunya has been reported till September this year, in contrast to three cases in 2017 and 38 in 2016. Doctors attributed the rise in viral infections to the constant rain. "The number of dengue cases so far is lesser than the number reported last year around the same time. But there has been a significant increase in the number of flu cases in the last 15-20 days because of the rain, waterlogging and consequently, increased breeding of mosquitoes. An equal number of patients come with dengue-like symptoms but mostly are found to be negative," said Dr Amitabh Parti, director of internal medicine, Fortis Gurgaon. Speaking about the measures taken by the government to control vector-borne diseases, Gurgaon chief medical officer, BK Rajora said:

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"We've deputed 10 mosquito breeding checkers, eight supervisors and two personnel for conducting a door-to-door survey to minimise mosquito breeding in the city. Two teams consisting of a supervisor and eight workers have been deputed to each of four zones in the city to spray larvicides for mosquito larvae control, as well as two separate teams each for fogging." Those who contract fever, especially children and elderly, should consult a doctor immediately, experts said.

Dr Sushila Kataria, director of internal medicine at Medanta, said a combined action plan which involves the government and private and public sectors is needed. "People with fever, headache, body ache should consume lots of fluids and keep their diet light. Strong painkiller should be avoided. There is no need to panic as 99% of the patients recover with supportive care and only a very few people require platelet or blood transfusion," she said

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