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<b>Title:</b>	<b>State reports 1st H1N1 cases this year after 2 test positive in Khordha, Odisha</b>			
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The state on Friday reported two cases of swine flu (H1N1 virus), the first this year, prompting health authorities to issue an advisory to keep those infected in isolation to check the spread of the disease. Both the infected patients have fever, cough and sore throat but their condition is said to be stable.

“Two persons have tested positive for H1N1 virus as per the polymer chain reaction (PCR) test report. Since they had symptoms, test was done. It is very uncommon for swine flu to appear during pre-monsoon time in the state and during the winter. Our advisory to people is that they should stay away from the infected persons and the infected ones should isolate themselves since they tested positive for the influenza virus,” said Niranjana Mishra, director, public health.

He added that the state is prepared to deal with any emergency situation arising out of the spread of H1N1 virus. Both the patients had no travel history as per our reports, Mishra added.

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Doctors said it is highly contagious and an infected person sneezing can lead to the spread of infection among healthy people. Besides, the virus stays on various types of surfaces also.

Senior pulmonologist Sampat Das said those with immune-compromised conditions should be careful. “The swine flu can behave like pneumonia in elderly and in people with comorbidities. It also causes respiratory distress leading to breathlessness. People shouldn’t shy away from consulting doctors if they have suspected symptoms. Based on the symptoms, doctors can prescribe medicines,” said Das.

Since the detection of the virus in 2009, many have succumbed to the infection. After the Covid pandemic hit home, there were no cases of swine flu in the state. However, between 2009 and 2019, the state reported hundreds of cases each year with many succumbing to it.

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