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Title:	Malaria cases go up in Bareilly district-Uttar Pradesh, 198 cases in this March			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Bareilly, SSU-Uttar Pradesh			

Malaria is on the rise in the district, even as the country is locked down amid the novel coronavirus scare. Cases of malaria doubled in March this year compared to the number of cases reported in the same month last year.

Officials said 198 people have tested positive for malaria in Bareilly in March, compared to 82 in the same month of 2019.

Data accessed by TOI shows that between January and March, 2019, the Bareilly health department had screened 12,097 people for malaria, of whom, 98 tested positive for plasmodium falciparum (PF) malaria, while 210 were found carrying plasmodium vivax (PV) malaria. This year though, 558 cases of PV and 54 cases of PF have been detected during the same period, after health department examined the blood samples of 30,893 people in Bareilly. PF is a deadly form of malaria while PV is a milder form.

In March 2019, the district reported 75 cases of PV and seven cases of PF. The numbers rose in March 2020 to 188 PV and 10 PF.

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Chief medical officer Dr Vineet Shukla said, "We have screened more people this year in comparison to 2019. Our strategy is to detect and treat all patients."

Bareilly district has been reporting malaria outbreaks since 2018. According to the health department, Bareilly reported 37,482 cases in 2018. Of these, 17,425 were PF cases. The total number of malaria cases rose to 46,717 in 2019. Of these, 11,753 were PF and 34,576 were PV.

A senior official said, "We have received nearly 30,000 long lasting insecticide nets (LLINs) which ASHA and ANM will distribute in PF affected villages. LLINs are mosquito nets with a coating of insecticides. It kills mosquitoes when it sits on such nets. We are busy with novel coronavirus and hence, the distribution of LLINs has been postponed."

Officials said households where maximum number of members tested positive for malaria last year, will get priority in receiving LLIN.

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