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Title:	35 H1N1 cases in Jan, state says situation in control in Hyderabad, Telangana			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Hyderabad, SSU-Telangana			

With a drop in temperature, there has been a steady rise in number of swine flu (H1N1) cases in the state. As many as 35 cases have been reported since the beginning of the year, most of them are from the city and its peripheral areas. Officials had sent out prior alerts of a possible outbreak in recent months and expect the number of cases to rise till February.

Currently, two patients are undergoing treatment at Gandhi Hospital while another is being treated at the Chest Hospital. The 35 samples which have tested positive are among 138 samples which tested for the presence of the virus. It is reported the virus may have mutated.

However, officials are not raising an alarm as there was no outbreak reported. "Most cases are reported from different areas of the city with many samples being sent from corporate hospitals. With the temperature fluctuation, this had been expected but the numbers are less than what they were during the same period last year. It is possible that a mutation may occur given the two-year trend of change in strain noticed so far," said a senior official from the state health department.

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In anticipation of an H1N1 outbreak, the health department had been issuing advisories since last two months. While district hospitals and tertiary centres have been advised to prepare and review their isolation wards, district-level officials have been asked to redirect all suspected cases to the tertiary centres in the city — Gandhi Hospital, Osmania General Hospital and Niloufer Hospital.

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