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Following a swine flu death in the city last week, Doon's chief medical officer (CMO) has sounded an alert against the disease in the district .While Doon Hospital has earmarked a special ward for swine flu patients, Shri Mahant IndiresH Hospital has stated that it will give swine flu test report in eight hours. Notably, the state had witnessed biggest swine flu outbreak last year in which 38 people died.

Dr Ashutosh Sayana, principal of Government Doon Medical College (GDMC), told TOI, that the hospital has already procured all the medicines necessary for H1N1 treatment and even the staffers who will be dealing with swine flu patients were recently given training on proper treatment methods."This is a communicable disease so even the staffers who deal with patients will be given vaccines. We already have enough masks and other things required to tackle the patient rush," said Dr Sayana, while adding that Doon Hospital has cleared all formalities to set up a swine flu testing lab."If all goes well, we will become the first government hospital in the state to have a swine flu testing lab. At present, we have to send patient samples for

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H1N1 testing to Delhi," added Dr Sayana.

Meanwhile, the management of city's Shri Mahant Indires Hospital (in Patel Nagar) has made a 12-bed ward for swine flu patients. Dr Jagdish Rawat, from Pulmonary Medicine Department, has been appointed as the nodal officer for swine flu treatment in the hospital. Dr Vinay Rai, medical superintendent of Shri Mahant Indires Hospital, said that swine flu lab is functional under the Molecular Lab at the hospital.

"Patients who experience the symptoms of swine flu can get themselves diagnosed here. Even the state government hospitals can get their patient's tested for H1N1 here and the reports will be sent out in six-to-eight hours," Dr Rai told TOI.

According to the authorities of Shri Mahant Indires Hospital, it is Uttarakhand's only National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) certified centre for swine flu (H1N1) testing.

According to data provided by the state health department, 548 swine flu cases were diagnosed in Uttarakhand between December, 2018 and March, 2019. The maximum 519 cases were registered in Dehradun, followed by Haridwar (26) and Udham Singh Nagar (2).

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