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Title:	22 suspected swine flu cases reported in district Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir			
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"With six blood samples sent yesterday, the total suspected cases of Swine Flu has gone up to 22 in Jammu region", Director Health, Jammu, Dr B S Pathania Pathania told Greater Kashmir, adding blood reports are still awaited.

Amid H1N1 scare in the region, twenty two blood samples of suspected Swine Flu patients admitted across Jammu hospitals have been sent to New Delhi for testing, a top health official said on Saturday.

Sources said the testing of suspected Swine Flu patients was started on January 3 and till date 22 suspected Swine Flu blood samples of suspected H1N1 cases have been sent to New Delhi for official confirmation.

"With six blood samples sent yesterday, the total suspected cases of Swine Flu has gone up to 22 in Jammu region", Director Health, Jammu, Dr B S Pathania Pathania told Greater Kashmir, adding blood reports are still awaited.

He said the first positive case emerged at SMGS Hospital Jammu where a six month old female baby was confirmed positive on January 15 this year.

He said there is no need to panic and said the people having cough, fever and other symptoms similar to Swine Flu should consult doctors for treatment.

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He said that adequate arrangements have been made in all the health institutes including the Government Medical College Jammu, Associated Hospitals and other District Hospitals to deal with any exigency.

“Separate Isolation Wards have been set up in all the health institutes to prevent spread of the viral disease”, he said.

Dr Ravinder Rattan Paul, Medical Superintendent, Government Medical College Jammu said that no case of suspected Swine Flu has been admitted in GMC till date. Pertinently, there is no facility for H1N1 virus testing in Jammu and Kashmir and blood samples are sent to neighboring states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Delhi for the confirmation of the viral disease.

Sources said that the construction of sanctioned H1N1 (Swine Flu) lab and construction of Isolation Ward at the Government Medical College Jammu (GMC&H) is pending for last over a year notwithstanding urgency of having such facility.

“The project costing Rs 1 crore was cleared in the year 2014-15, but till date, no progress has been made by the executing agency PWD (R&B) in the construction of lab and isolation ward” sources said.

Meanwhile, Medical Superintendent said that the work on the proposed lab has been started by executing agency, but it will take time to complete the facility in all respects.

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