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Title:	Cholera outbreak in Bhosari, 15 in hospital in district Pune, Maharashtra			
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At least 15 residents of Dhavade Vasti in Bhosari have been admitted to YCM hospital in Pimpri and Naidu hospital in Pune after they complained of vomiting and acute watery motion.

Suspecting an outbreak of cholera, the Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation has cut off water supply to the locality. The area is being supplied water through tankers. Door-to-door visits are being undertaken and residents are being told to boil drinking water and ensure hygiene and sanitation in and around their premises.

Chief of PCMC health department, Anil Roy, said, "We are suspecting it to be an outbreak of cholera as the patients' clinical condition indicates it. Their stool samples have been sent to state public health laboratory for testing."

"The water pipeline supplying water to Dhavade Vasti is very old and has become corrosive. That is possibly the source of water contamination, therefore, we have stopped the supply. The water supply department is in the process of laying a new pipeline now," Roy said.

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"The health department is providing every household in the affected locality with oral rehydration salts, which is useful in mild and moderate cases of infection," Roy said.

Doctors at Pune Municipal Corporation-run Naidu infectious diseases hospital said: "All clinical features of the patients, including acute watery stool, called rice water stool, frequency of motions and other symptoms are that of cholera. Clinically, they are patients of cholera and are being treated accordingly. However, reports from the designated government laboratory confirming the same are awaited.

As many as seven patients are being treated at Naidu hospital. "Among them, the youngest patient is seven years' old and the oldest is 60-year old. The condition of all the patients is stable and they are recovering well," a doctor said. The other eight patients admitted to YCM hospital in Pimpri are also recovering.

Shekhar Shete, a resident of Dhavade Vasti, said, "Before the outbreak, we used to get tap water for 30-40 minutes every alternate day. The consumption of water has led to the infection. Before that, the taps had run dry and we used get only tanker water. Now after the outbreak, the tap water is cut off and we are getting tanker water again for the last three days."

Cholera is an acute intestinal infection caused by ingestion of food or water contaminated with the bacterium vibrio cholerae. It has the potential to spread rapidly, leading to an acute public health problem.

"Cholera remains a global threat and is one of the key indicators of social development. While the disease no longer poses a threat to countries with minimum standards of hygiene, it remains a challenge to countries where access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation cannot be guaranteed. Almost every developing country faces cholera outbreaks or the threat of a cholera epidemic," said paediatrician Sanjay Lalwani, head of the paediatrics department, Bharati Hospital.

The Key Facts

* According to World Health Organisation, cholera has a short incubation period and produces an enterotoxin which causes copious, painless watery diarrhoea that can quickly lead to severe dehydration and death if treatment is not promptly given

* Vomiting also occurs in most patients

* Most persons infected with V. cholerae do not become ill, although the bacterium is present in their faeces for 7-14 days

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- * When illness does occur, about 80-90% of episodes are of mild or moderate severity and are difficult to distinguish clinically from other types of acute diarrhoea.
- * Less than 20% of ill persons develop typical cholera with signs of moderate or severe dehydration
- * Effective and timely case management contributes to reducing mortality to less than 1%. It consists of prompt rehydration of patients
- * Mild and moderate cases can be successfully treated with oral rehydration salts only

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