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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Chikungunya outbreak in velha tehsil village, Pune district Maharashtra</b>			
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Within a month as many as 50 cases of viral fever, accompanied by joint pain, have been reported from the Antroli village of Velha tehsil alone. This has sparked panic among health officials and local residents, who fear this, might lead to an epidemic of chikungunya. It has also prodded the authorities to take rapid steps to address the outbreak. Just in one-and-half months the village has seen chikungunya outbreak three times with five case of chikungunya being confirmed positive by the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, while more samples have been sent on Wednesday.

Chikungunya virus is transmitted to people through mosquito bites. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on a person already infected with the virus. These mosquitoes bite both during the day and at night.

"Twenty-nine cases of Chikungunya have been reported by villagers of Antroli till now and the situation is expected to worsen in the coming days. A team of malaria officers and health officials from the state surveillance department visited the village on

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Wednesday. Water scarcity in the village is the reason behind the outbreak and currently six patients are undergoing treatment at the rural hospital of Velha," said Dr Sudarshan Malajure, taluka health officer, Velha.

"During epidemic protocols are followed, surveillance is done on regular basis and storage of water in hygiene conditions is ensured in the villages. Now with the epidemic gone there is less surveillance and the protocols are not followed by the villagers for storing the water," said Dr Dilip Bora, assistant district health officer. "Immediate orders have been issued to the health official to increase the surveillance in the village. The villagers will be also instructed to follow to store water, the protocols has to be followed not only for the current time but also for the coming monsoon."

"Samples of 15 patients were sent to the NIV couple of weeks back out of which 5 were positive. On Wednesday three samples have been sent to the NIV. The reports are awaited," said Dr Dilip Mane, district Health officer.

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