



Swine Flu Cases in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

Recently, Eleven cases of [Swine Flu](#) have been detected in **Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh**.

Key Points

- The **infected persons had complained** of **cold, cough and fever** before testing positive for swine flu. They are residents of different areas in the district.
- To curb the spread of the disease, **health department** teams are **conducting tests in various areas**.

Swine Flu

- It is caused by the [swine flu virus](#), the [H1N1](#).
- It is an **infection of the respiratory tract** characterized by the usual **symptoms of flu** like cough, nasal secretions, fever, loss of appetite, fatigue and headache.
- It is called swine flu because in the past it was known to occur in people who had been in the **vicinity of pigs**.
- The virus is **transmitted by short-distance airborne transmission**, particularly in crowded enclosed spaces. **Hand contamination** and **direct contact** are other possible sources of transmission.

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