

Swine Flu: Even Celebs are soaring high!!!

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On December 18th, 2009, the global toll passed a mark of 10,000 cases and Indian stats alone touched 769 and over 23,000 affected. With nearly every curve over the globe reporting swine flu activity, it's clear that the H1N1 viral strain is not picky about who it infects. It affects everyone, from children to A-list celebrities. This means that the pandemic makes no distinctions. Even the actors, athletes and news anchors of the world are not immune. Read ahead to meet some famous faces who got swine flu. Just make sure to wash your hands after flipping...



Rupert Grint: It seems that even magic can't cure swine flu. Rupert Grint, who plays Ron Weasley in the "Harry Potter" films, caught the H1N1 virus while filming the next installment of the series this past July. While his case was only minor, he missed a few days of filming.

S. Sreesanth: There is no 20-20 for him anymore. Sreesanth, who was admitted to the Fortis Hospital, Mohali late on Thursday night with symptoms of H1N1 tested positive for the disease. The cricketer, who missed the first Twenty20 match against Sri Lanka a few days ago, has been put on Tamiflu medications since then. He is recovering well and all his vital signs are normal.



Government Approved Swine Flu Centres

New Delhi

Detection Centres

Super Religare Laboratories, Nehru Place (011-42295222); **Dr Lal's Pathology Labs**, Hanuman Road (011-23746426); **Auroprobe Laboratories**, Defence Colony (011-24332757); **Dr Dang's Lab**, Hauz Khas (09899220533)

Detection & Treatment Centres

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), **Aurobindo Marg** (011-26594404); **National Institute for Communicable Diseases**, Sham Nath Marg (011-23971272); **Vallabhai Patel Chest Institute**, University Enclave (011-27667102); **Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital**, Connaught Place (011-23921401); **Yellow Fever Quarantine Centre**, Near AAI Residential Colony (011-25652129)

Moolchand Hospital, Defence Colony (011-42000000); **Sir Ganga Ram Hospital**, Rajender Nagar (011-25750000); **Apollo Hospital**, Sarita Vihar (011-26925858); **Action Balaji Hospital**, Paschim Vihar (011-42888959)

Mumbai

Detection & Treatment Centre

Kasturba Hospital, Opp Arthur Road Jail (022-23083901); **Sir JJ Hospital**, Byculla (022-23735555); **Haffkine Institute**, Parel (022-24160947); **Bombay Hospital & Medical Research Centre**, Marine Lines (022-2067676); **Central Railway Hospital**, Byculla West (020-28726588); **M. T. Agarwal Municipal General Hospital**, Mulund West (022-25605729/30); **K B Bhabha Hospital**, Bandra (022-26429828); **Shatabdi Hospital**, Govandi (022-25564070); **Rajawadi Hospital**, Ghatkopar (022-25094149); **Mahatma Phule Hospital** (022-25782253/83); **Siddharth Hospital**, Opp. Motilal Nagar Post Office (022-28766886); **Bhagwati Hospital**, Mandvi (022-28932461); **V N Desai Municipal Hospital** (022-26182081); **Kurla Bhabha Hospital** (022-26500241)

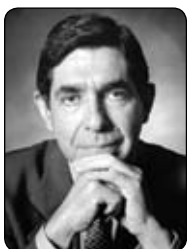
Jaslok Hospital, Pedder Road (022-66573333); **Bombay Hospital**, Marine Lines (022-2067676); **Breach Candy Hospital Trust**, Bhulabhai Desai



Narendra Modi: Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi, who returned from a trip to Russia in October, was tested positive for swine flu. The confirmation of the test sent a wave of panic among a group of top industrialists who accompanied him his visit to

Moscow. But it seems like viral bite has transformed him into a stylish hunk as his usual attire of khadi kurta is well replaced by new fashionable jeans he is sporting nowadays.

Alvaro Uribe: 57 year old Colombian President began feeling unwell on Friday in August end, the same day he attended a meeting of South American presidents in Bariloche, Argentina. He was confirmed to have swine flu after returning home. His government urged other leaders who attended the meeting in Bariloche, Argentina, to check if they have been infected.



Oscar Arias: Nobel Peace laureate and Costa Rican President tested positive for swine in mid August, showing that not even a head of state is safe from the virus that has caused worldwide concern. For more than a week, he decided to work from his home until his complete recovery.

Cherie Blair: The former Prime Minister's wife - the highest profile Brit to got the virus at the start of the week of July. Doctors gave her a course of Tamiflu. Blissfully she recovered after a few days rest.



Dr. Sanjay Gupta: Lots of TV doctors are talking about the H1N1 virus, but only one can really relate. CNN's chief medical correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta picked up swine flu while on a trip to Afghanistan. In his blog he said that while he rarely ever gets sick, he was hit so hard that he had to seek medical attention at a battlefield hospital.

Road (022-23667800); **Hinduja Hospital**, Mahim (022-2445 2575); **Saifee Hospital**, Maharshi Karve Marg (022-6757 0111); **Prince Aly Khan Hospital**, Mazagaon (022- 23777800/900); **Hurkisondas Hospital**, Prathna Samaj (022-66105555); **Lilavati Hospital**, Bandra (022-26421111); **Nanavati Hospital, S.V. Road**, Vile Parle (022-26267500); **Asian Heart Hospital**, Bandra Kurla Complex (022-66986666); **Holy Family Hospital**, Bandra (022-30610555); **Holy Spirit Hospital**, Andheri East (022-2824 8500); **Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital**, Andheri West (022-30680333); **Brahmakumari Hospital**, Andheri West (022-66487500); **Sushrusha Hospital**, Dadar (022-24449161); **Guru Nanak Hospital**, Bandra East (022-26592853/54); **Dr L H Hiranandani Hospital**, Powai (022 25763300/33); **Wockhardt Hospital**, Mulund West (022-67994444); **Inlaks Hospital**, Sion (022-25204160/61); **Breach Candy Hospital & Medical Research Centre**, Cumballa Hill (022-23667788)

24 hour swine flu help line: 108

Chennai

Detection & Treatment Centre

Chennai King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy (044-22501520/21); **Government General Hospital**, Opp Central Railway Station (044-25305000); **Communicable Diseases Hospital**, Tondiarpet (044-25912686/87);

Kolkata

Detection & Treatment Centre

Beliaghata Id Hospital, Beliaghata Main Road (033-23701251/52)

Hyderabad

Detection & Treatment Centre

Kondapur Area Hospital, Kondapur (040-24753474); **Malakpet Area Hospital**, Malakept (040-24527320); **Kingkoti Hospital**, Kingkoti (040-24753474); **Osmania Hospital**, Afzalgunj (040-24600121/22); **Gandhi General Hospital**, Musherabad (9246151958, 9440523902); **Chest Hospital**, Erragedha (9849902995)



Tulisa: The lead singer of chart-topping British band N-Dubz lied motionless in a hospital bed in May, her face covered by a mask, after being diagnosed with suspected swine flu. This 20 year old lad flew to Athens for a break with family and friends after finishing a 23-date UK tour. Soon she had to be rushed to hospital after a doctor noted all the symptoms connected with the potentially deadly virus.



Melissa Rycroft: This jilted Bachelor star and former Dancing with the Stars frontrunner was diagnosed with swine flu in October. She said “Like most people who become infected, I thought I had a mild case of the common flu, but when my symptoms exacerbated, I immediately went to the hospital where I was diagnosed with H1N1 and given the proper medications to cure the infection.”

Landon Donovan: Los Angeles Galaxy soccer star Landon Donovan played a full 90-minute game while infected with swine flu—he just didn’t know it. Although he seemed to be moving slower than usual, he assumed it was the altitude or the heat that was affecting him. The next morning, Donovan woke up with a 100.7 degree fever, and went to the doctor where he was diagnosed with the H1N1 virus.



Craig Bellamy: And now, Manchester City have confirmed striker and Wales captain Craig Bellamy has a mild case of swine flu. The striker who has also had a knee problem, missed Saturday’s 2-1 victory over Premier League leaders Chelsea. Poor soul!!! ☹

Pune

Swine Flu Testing Centre,

Tingarenagar (9421059803); Arogya Kothi, Near Sinhagad Fly Over (9372468190); Corporation Kutir Hospital, Mundhwa (9226898791)

Detection & Treatment Centre

Sasoon Government Hospital, Near Railway Station (020-25501240/70); **Naidu Hospital,** Near Le Meridian Hotel (020-26058243); **National Institute of Virology,** Ambedkar Road (020-26006290) **Sahyadri Munot Hospital,** Seven Loves Chauk (020-25403000); **KEM Hospital,** Rastapeth (020-26125600); **Bharti Hospital,** Satara Road (020-24365848); **Nobel Hospital,** Hadapsar (020-66285000); **Ruby Hall Clinic,** Station Road (020-26123391); **Jahangir Hospital,** Station Road (020-26122551); **Enlax Budhrani Hospital,** Koregoan Park (020-26129080); **Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital,** Erandwana (020-24466525); **Surya Hospital** (020-244544232); **Shaswat Hospital,** Kothrud (020-25452052/62); **Seth Ramdas Shah Hospital,** Gokhale Nagar (020-25661226)

Bangalore

Detection & Treatment Centres

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases, Hombegowda Nagar (080-26632634); **Victoria Hospital,** Kalasipalyam (080-26703294); **NIMHANS,** Hosur Road (080-26995001/5002)

Mallya Hospital, Vittal Mallya Rd (080-22277979); **Vaidehi Hospital,** White Field (080-28413381/82/83); **Ambedkar Medical Institute and Hospital,** Kadugondanahalli (080-25463442); **St. Johns Hospital,** Sarjapur Main Road (080-25532037); **Manipal Hospital,** Airport Road (080-2502 4444/3344), **St Martha’s Hospital,** Nrupatunga Road (080-22275081); **Fortis RM Hospitals,** Sampangirama Nagara (080-40200000); **Pristine Hospital,** West of Chord Road (080-51354444); **Columbia Asia Hospital,** Yelahanka/Hebbal (080-41791000); **MS Ramaiah Memorial Hospital,** New BEL Road (099001 70372); **City Hosital,** Rajajinagar (080-23131777); 7) **Lakeside Medical Centre and Hospital,** Ulsoor (080-5360823)

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