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Flu cases are on rise in city

New Delhi, Dec. 14: With mercury going down marking the arrival of winter, cases of flu and pneumonia have shown a significant increase in the national capital.

The flu virus, which spreads more easily due to lower temperatures and humidity, is affecting an increasing number of people, doctors in the city said.

"Ten to 15 per cent of the total patients visiting us are coming with symptoms like fever, cold, pain and influenza since the beginning of last month," said Prof. Randeep Guleria of AIIMS.

Senior consultant (pulmonary) of Max Hospital, Naveen Kishore, said there has been a 15-20 per cent rise in influenza cases, with elderly people and those with weaker immune systems the worst affected.

"People who are 65 or above with chronic lung diseases and weak immune systems are the worst affected," he added. —PTI