

## **First Case of JN.1 Sub-Variant of COVID-19 Detected in India**

As COVID-19 cases see a resurgence and the first case of the new JN.1 sub-variant is detected in India, the Centre has issued a directive to states and Union Territories to maintain heightened vigilance. Union Health Secretary Shri Sudhansh Pant, in a letter to states, acknowledged that the low rates of COVID-19 infection in India so far has been due to collaborative efforts between the Centre and state governments. Emphasising the need for continuous monitoring and reporting of Influenza-like Illness and Severe Acute Respiratory Illness on a district-wise basis, the Health Secretary has stressed the importance of remaining vigilant to ensure the country's continued success in managing the COVID-19 trajectory.

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