

Russian Flu Rates Surge 7.7%

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Flu cases in Russia have risen by 7.7 percent in the last three weeks, top health officials reported.

The virulent AH3N2 strain, also known as Hong Kong flu, was found in 62 isolated cases in 23 Russian regions, said Anna Popova, the head of the country's health watchdog Rospotrebnadzor.

The greatest number of cases have been found in the Moscow, Yaroslavl, Rostov and Karachayevo-Cherkessia regions, as well as in the cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg, [the RIA Novosti news agency reported.](#)

Influenza-related deaths in Russia remain low despite the increase, Popova said.

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