

Dengue scare swirls Taiwan: CDC

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Singapore: With dengue cases sky rocketing, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued a high alert for Taiwanese residents as increasing number of cases were reported from the country.

Reports confirmed 172 infections of dengue so far, in comparison to the 74 cases reported last year, from the country.

Monsoons and high humidity could be responsible for the spike in cases, said the CDC. Dengue cases generally rise around mid-September annually and with the peak season approaching, CDC urged the citizens to take greater precautions to prevent a massive outbreak.

CDC noted that the number of travel associated dengue cases had also risen this year. Preventive measures such as draining water containers, cleaning up vector breeding sites close to residential areas and taking precautions against mosquito bites should be observed, the CDC said.