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## VIRAL FEAR RISES ANEW

By Sonali Acharjee

**T**he fear is not an irrational one—it's just the other day that the spectre of Covid-19 was harassing the whole world. So as China reports a spike in respiratory illnesses, the memories of planetary disruption have come rushing back. Beijing dismisses

the growing number of Influenza A, Human metapneumovirus (hMPV), Mycoplasma pneumoniae and Covid-19 cases as a routine "winter occurrence" and withholds an official count. But tiny warning bells are beginning to ring everywhere, including in India. While all these infections are indeed sea-

sonal, reports on social media and from medical facilities suggest a significant outbreak of multiple microbes in China, and a newsworthy level of burden on the country's healthcare system. The usual winter illnesses are suddenly beginning to look a trifle unusual.

If it's any consolation, none of these