

MEDIA STATEMENT

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UPDATE: SCHOOL HEALTH SPECIALISTS SENT TO INVESTIGATE NOMINI

PRIMARY SCHOOL INCIDENT

The Gauteng Department of Health can confirm that as of this morning close to 190 learners from Nomini Primary School were attended to at Stretford Community Healthcare Centre after presenting symptoms of stomach cramps and vomiting. The number is updated from the figure provided yesterday. Parents are still bringing their children to the clinic to be checked as a precaution.

It is suspected that the learners fell sick as a result of consuming the same type of sweets from a local hawker.

Some parents opted to take their children home yesterday, whilst others were transferred to the following facilities mainly as a precaution:

Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital: 62

Lenasia South: 50

Bheki Mlangeni Hospital: 27

In the meantime, a team of school health specialists has been sent to the area to monitor the situation and conduct further investigations.

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