

MEDIA STATEMENT

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EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (ECDoH) CONCERNED ABOUT FOOD POISONING REPORTS AT TWO LOCAL SCHOOLS.

BHISHO - The Eastern Cape Department of Health has expressed concern about 120 pupils who were transported by provincial Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to Frontier Hospital in Komani.

EMS first transported 34 pupils between the ages of 8 and 15 years old who presented with abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting to Frontier Hospital from a local school in Mlungisi.

More pupils from another school around Komani suffered from an alleged food borne disease. This as tests are yet to confirm the cause of the sickness.

In all, 120 pupils presented signs of itchiness, some had shortness of breath. Some had high temperature, others vital signs were normal.

The department would like to confirm that there have been No fatalities at this stage and all children are in a stable condition.

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