

MEDIA RELEASE
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KZN Health MEC visits Esimozomeni Primary School

KZN MEC for Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo visited the Esimozomeni Primary School in Richmond this afternoon, following an outbreak of suspected food poisoning last Friday, 26 March 2015. The suspected food poisoning affected at least 70 children between the ages of nine and 12.

Following his visit, the MEC says he is pleased that all the children, who were seen at local clinics and referred to Edendale, Northdale and Grey's hospitals, have been discharged and are back at school today.

During the visit, the MEC was accompanied by a School Health Nurse from the Ndaleni Clinic in Richmond and they inspected the school premises, kitchen and toilets.

Dhlomo thereafter received a briefing from the School principal, Mrs Ndwalane; Ward manager, Mr Madlala, and members of School Governing Body.

Dr Dhlomo then went on to address over 200 concerned parents who had converged at the school. The parents were informed that a full report of what had happened will be made available once the environment health inspectors have completed their investigation.

Dhlomo also agreed with the parents that the School feeding scheme should continue. He then recommended that the school should become a Health Promoting School with immediate effect.

The report on the suspected food poisoning incident would be presented to both the school and parents by the Department once the investigation is complete.

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KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo is seen with a School Health Nurse and one of the parents at Esimozomeni Primary School during his visit to the school earlier today.