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LEARNERS TREATED FOR FOOD-RELATED ILLNESS

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education has confirmed, that contrary to initial reports, only seven learners from Bongucele Secondary School in eMthwalume, were affected by a food-related illness this morning.

Six of these learners have since received medical treatment and have been discharged, while, one learner, who is pregnant, remains under medical observation as a precautionary measure.

Preliminary information suggests that the affected learners bought chips from a local spazza shop, on their way to school.

The South African Police Services have investigated the incident by visiting the spazza shop.

"As a Department we are committed in ensuring the health and safety of all our learners, and therefore, discourage our learners from buying food products from unauthorised vendors," said MEC Sipho Hlomuka.

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