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UPDATE ON MAHUNTSI SECONDARY SCHOOL SUSPECTED FOOD POISONING

31 out of 45 learners from Mahuntsi Secondary School who were kept for observation and treatment at the Malamulele hospital have been discharged. Learners were admitted on Tuesday after scores of them started complaining of diarrhoea, vomiting and abdominal pains in what is suspected to be food poisoning.

14 learners will remain at the hospital for another night under doctors' supervision. All the admitted learners are in a stable condition and are likely to be released soon.

Limpopo Education MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya has wished a speedy recovery to the 14 admitted learners.

“As a Department we commend the swift response of healthcare professionals, school leadership, and district officials in managing the situation with urgency and care”,

Investigations on the possible cause started yesterday. Vhembe District Health Services have already taken decisive steps, including Testing the school's water supply and National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) meals and conducting visits to the homes of all approved school hawkers to test their water and food items.

The Department is awaiting the final recommendations from the health authorities, which will guide the next steps to ensure food safety around schools.

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