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Media Statement

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East Claremont Primary School to close for a week

East Claremont Primary School is to close for a week after one of its students was confirmed as having the swine influenza virus.

The Director General of Education and Training Ms Sharyn O'Neill said today that she decided to close the school after being strongly advised by the Department of Health to do so.

"Two students from Perth Public Schools have now been confirmed with the virus, one from East Claremont and the other from North Cottesloe Primary School," Ms O'Neill said.

"The East Claremont student attended one day last week. Four teachers and the parents of 20 children from the school who may have been in prolonged contact with the sick child were contacted by the Department of Health today (Sunday)."

"The child from North Cottesloe has not attended school for a week and parents from that school will be notified by letter.

"In the interests of the health of the students and staff at East Claremont I have decided to accept the advice of the Department of Health and close the school

"Parents at East Claremont have been advised of the decision.

"All parents should monitor their children for any signs of respiratory illness and if you have any concerns consult your family doctor."

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