

NYC mayor confirms eight mild swine flu cases (26 April)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg confirmed on Sunday that eight city school children have a mild form of [swine flu](#), but said it appeared not to be spreading rapidly to the general population.

"We haven't seen any increases or clusters that suggest an outbreak," Bloomberg told a briefing of reporters, a day after tests confirmed the children had a type A influenza virus that was likely [swine flu](#).

Bloomberg said public schools will remain open, and reminded the public that the symptoms including severe flu, but asked those with minor symptoms to stay home as a precaution.

Congregating in public areas is a way the virus spreads, experts said.

The World Health Organization has declared [swine flu](#) in Mexico and the United States a public health event of international concern.

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