

New cases of swine flu on cruise ship **aap**

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Two children aboard a cruise ship that arrived in Sydney on Monday are the latest Australian swine flu cases.

The boys bring to 22 the number of people detected with the virus in Australia.

They were among four passengers from the Pacific Dawn tested for the virus, but the two others were diagnosed with general influenza.

The testing delayed the departure of the vessel on its next cruise by seven hours and 130 other passengers were quarantined with symptoms of respiratory illness.

NSW chief health officer Kerry Chant said the children were treated with Tamiflu and would be isolated for 24 hours until they were symptom-free.

The remaining 1,800 disembarking passengers were asked to stay at home or in their hotels for up to seven days.

The ship eventually set sail with its new passengers and a fresh crew on Monday night.

The latest two patients bring to four the number of swine flu cases in NSW.

Three schools in Victoria and two in South Australia remain closed as authorities grapple with the swine flu outbreak.

Victoria is the hardest hit state, with 13 cases.

School children returning from swine flu-affected countries in the Americas and Asia will be quarantined under new measures announced on Monday by Health Minister Nicola Roxon.

Victoria, South Australia, NSW, Western Australia, Queensland and the ACT have announced all school children returning from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Panama and Japan should be kept from school for seven days.

"I know that this will cause an inconvenience to many people, but we do believe it is one of the most effective ways of trying to reduce the spread of this disease," Ms Roxon said.

Victoria's two latest cases are a teacher's aide from Thornbury High School and a 17-year-old boy from Mill Park Secondary College, both in Melbourne.

Both schools have been shut for a week, following last week's closure of Clifton Hill Primary School.

Also in Melbourne, some students of the Australian International Academy in Coburg and St Monica's College in Epping were sent home after classmates tested positive.

No one has been admitted to hospital.

In SA, Eynesbury Senior College and Blackfriars Priory School have been closed while a 40-year-old woman and her 15-year-old daughter, an Eynesbury student, have been confirmed as having swine flu.

Players and staff from the Fremantle Dockers AFL club were on the same flight from Melbourne to Perth as a WA man who was diagnosed as the state's first swine flu patient.

The 30-year-old father of eight is believed to have caught the disease after returning from a trip to Canada, via New Zealand and Melbourne.

No one from the team has reported feeling ill.

Two cases have emerged in Queensland, with Queensland Health advising passengers who arrived on a Qantas flight in Brisbane from Los Angeles on Saturday to isolate themselves.