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To Flu Experts, 'Pandemic' Confirms the Obvious



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The government of Hong Kong on Thursday ordered all primary schools in the city to be closed for two weeks after the first cluster of local swine flu cases was found. Above, kindergarten students at a local school on Thursday.

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It came as no surprise on Thursday when the [World Health Organization](#) declared that the [swine flu](#) outbreak had become a pandemic.

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