

Egypt orders foreign schools closed over swine flu: ministry

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CAIRO — Egypt has ordered foreign schools and universities to close until October 3 over worries about swine flu, with domestic schools having already been told to delay opening until then, a health ministry official said on Wednesday.

Egyptian universities and schools had been set to begin their academic year the last week of September, but foreign ones started earlier this month.

The government decided to delay the school year last week, the official said.

American University of Cairo vice president Brian MacDougall said the university was asked on Tuesday to delay classes, which the university began on September 6,

An official at the French embassy confirmed that it has been told all French schools in the country must close until then.

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