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The provincial command council on Covid-19 is concerned about bringing a million more learners to schools in the wake of the increase in infections, Premier David Makhura said yesterday. "We are concerned about adding a big number of learners because our system is okay with the Grades 7 and 12 at the moment. We are managing that risk at that level, and we are worried about the way we want to bring more learners. It may just put more pressure on what the system is able to carry at the moment," he said. Only Grades R, 6, and 11 would return to school on Monday. We trust that the learning returning to schools will do their utmost best to keep social distancing and do not take off their masks at any time. We spoke to one of the schools about grades going back on Monday and this is what they had to say: "It is impossible to give you a 100% assurance that your child cannot be infected, we all go to town for much needed shopping, which means it has been exposed to the virus. Like many other schools, we have the necessary arrangements in place to try to combat the identification of the virus and keep it out of our school. We have until now had no cases at our school. For learners to come into our green area, they should always wear a mask, regularly sanitize hands, maintain 1.5 meters between each other and they do not have the symptoms of covid 19. If a learner becomes ill at school, we immediately remove such a learner to an isolation room and call the parents. We are very strict with learners at this stage and they really adhere to it. 23 of the 30 teachers are on site every day to make sure learners keep the distance and apply the rules. We will go through all with the learners on Monday and explain, letter will go home to reassure parents and explain how we will work. Please do not worry, our learners' health is a priority. We will do everything in our power to protect them and our community." Pieter de Bruin

