

# The Fengshan pre-school cluster

March 17

- Principal of PCF Sparkletots at Fengshan Block 126 is well when she goes to work but develops symptoms that afternoon.
- On the same day, she has a meeting with her staff, and attends a course with other pre-school employees in the evening.

March 18

- The 47-year-old principal sees a doctor in the morning and goes on medical leave until March 20.
- A Nursery 2 teacher, who was on leave from March 18 to March 20, comes into the centre for a few hours in the afternoon for work that did not involve teaching children. She is well while at the centre.

March 20

- The Nursery 2 teacher experiences the onset of symptoms and goes to see a doctor.

March 23

- The Nursery 2 teacher tests positive for Covid-19. The Early Childhood Development Agency and the Ministry of Health (MOH) initially assess that the centre should close the next day for thorough cleaning and disinfection, and classes are set to resume on March 25.

March 24

- The Fengshan pre-school closes for cleaning. Other staff at the centre report feeling unwell, and all staff are sent for Covid-19 testing. Later that evening, the centre is ordered to close for 14 days until April 7.

March 25

- MOH announces the Fengshan pre-school as a new cluster, with links to 18 Covid-19 cases. Among them are 14 staff, including the centre's principal. The other four are the principal's family members, who do not live with her and had been diagnosed earlier on March 23 and March 24.
- MOH places all remaining 10 staff and 110 children at the pre-school in quarantine. Another 30 staff from other centres, who had attended a training course with the Fengshan PCF centre's principal, are also put in quarantine. PCF chief executive Victor Bay announces that all 360 of its centres will close for four days from March 26, to reiterate its precautionary measures with staff, and to clean and disinfect premises.
- He says an internal committee of inquiry will be formed to investigate the matter and disciplinary action would be taken against employees where warranted.

March 26

- One more teacher at the centre, and another family member of the principal, test positive for the virus. Five children from the centre, who reported feeling unwell, test negative.