

More than 20,000 HFMD cases so far this year



THERE has been another surge in cases of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD).

Last week, 1,261 cases were reported – up from 982 the previous week. This brings the total number so far this year to about 20,200, reported Channel NewsAsia. That is almost double the number of about 11,000 cases during the same period last year.

As the outbreak worsens, three more pre-school centres have closed for 10 days. They are Star Learners@Sembawang, PCF Kampong Chai Chee and Glory Kindergarten in Bukit Batok.

Each centre has had more than 16 HFMD cases over 24 days.