

## **HFM disease on the increase**

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**GEORGE TOWN (June 18, 2010):** Parents and nurseries have been urged to be more alert as there is a sudden increase in hand, foot and mouth (HFM) disease with a total of 16 nurseries ordered to close within a one month period.

Many cluster cases of the HFM disease have been reported and the nurseries have been ordered to close for a week to clean up before they can re-open.

State health, welfare, caring society and environment committee chairman Phee Boon Poh said there were no deaths due to HFM reported but the situation is still serious due to the sudden increase in the cases.

He said it is in situations like this that nurseries, kindergartens, shopping complexes and places like gyms should consider fumigating their premises with an anti-bacterial treatment.

He was speaking in a press conference after a demonstration by Bactakleen on the effectiveness of its ultra mist fumigation to kill bacteria. Bactakleen is touted to be the world's first two-in-one anti-bacterial treatment system that can kill 99.9% of bacteria, mould and fungi on all surfaces.

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