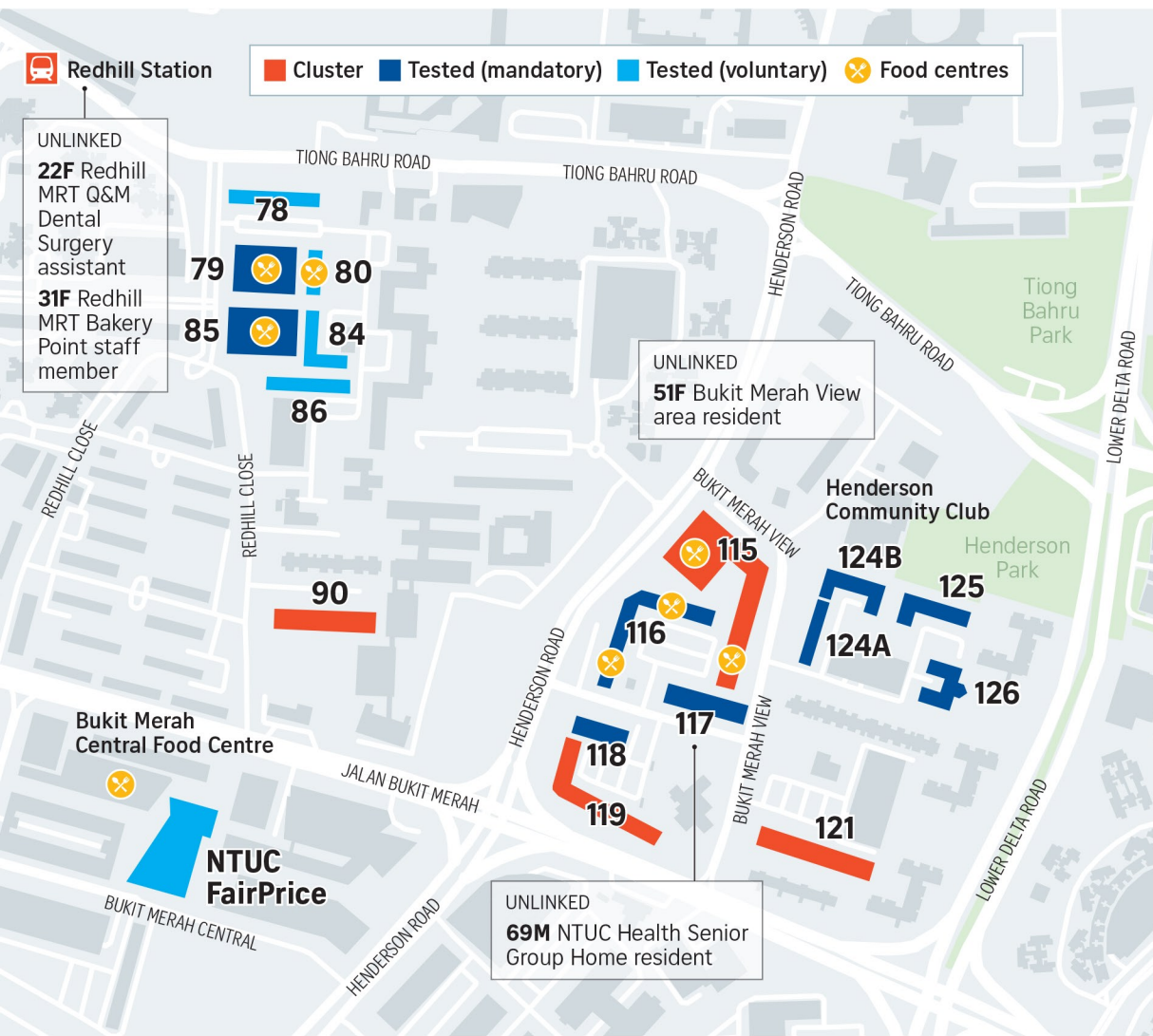


What's happening in Bukit Merah

Singapore's largest active Covid-19 cluster is at 115 Bukit Merah View Market and Hawker Centre, with 82 cases to date. Three smaller clusters have also emerged as testing operations are ramped up in the neighbourhood. **Rei Kurohi** takes a closer look at the situation there.

Affected blocks in the area



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June 10

A sundry store worker, 74, is reported as an unlinked case. He later becomes the index case of a cluster at 115 Bukit Merah View Market and Hawker Centre.

June 13

The newly formed cluster grows to six cases. All staff and tenants at the market and Block 116 to be tested. Visitors to the blocks also offered free testing.

June 14

The Block 115 cluster grows to 16 people. Mandatory testing begins for stallholders at Block 116.

June 15

The market and hawker centre, closed since June 13 for deep cleaning, is to be closed till June 26 as cases grow.

June 16

The Block 115 cluster grows to 39 people. The growing cluster is cited in reviewing the timing and scope of Singapore's reopening from phase two (heightened alert).

June 17

Of the 383 staff at Blocks 115 and 116, 21 test positive. Of the 4,892 visitors tested, seven test positive. Mandatory PCR testing for staff of stalls at Redhill Market and Food Centre at 79 and 85 Redhill Lane, a few blocks away.

June 19

Mandatory testing for all residents of eight blocks in Bukit Merah View, as well as voluntary testing for visitors. This comes after viral fragments are detected in wastewater samples in the vicinity.

June 21

Mandatory testing for all residents of seven blocks in Redhill, as well as voluntary testing for visitors. The Block 115 cluster grows to 78 people as new clusters form at Blocks 119 and 121.

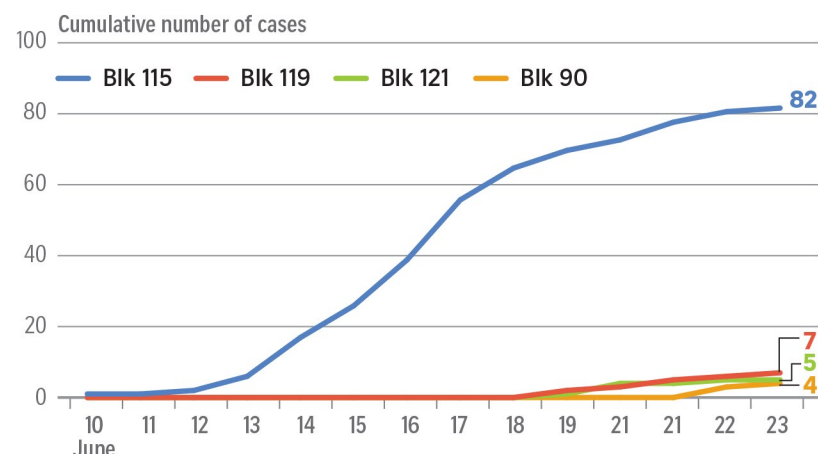
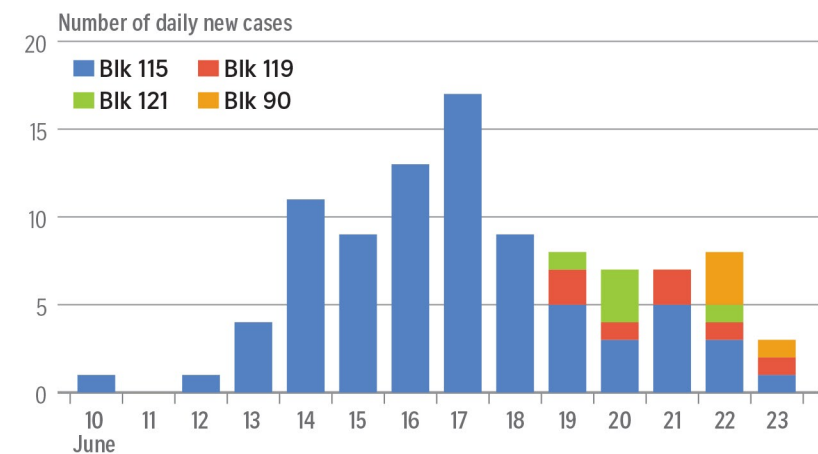
June 22

The cluster at Block 115 now stands at 81. The one at Block 119 grows to six people, while the one at Block 121 grows to five.

June 23

The Ministry of Health says it has concluded mandatory and voluntary testing at Bukit Merah View. Of the 2,133 residents and visitors tested, five test positive. There are now 98 cases across the four clusters, including 82 in the Block 115 cluster.

New cases in the Block 115 cluster peaked on June 17



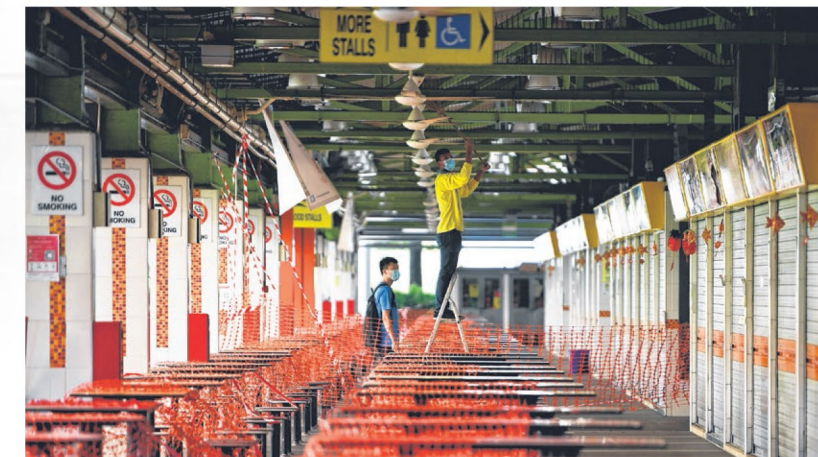
The site of Singapore's largest open infection cluster remains closed till Saturday.



A Bukit Merah View resident waiting outside the swab testing area yesterday.

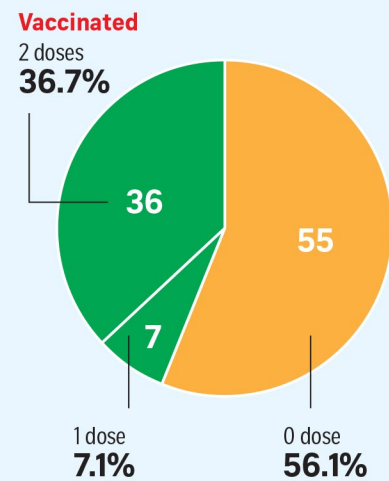
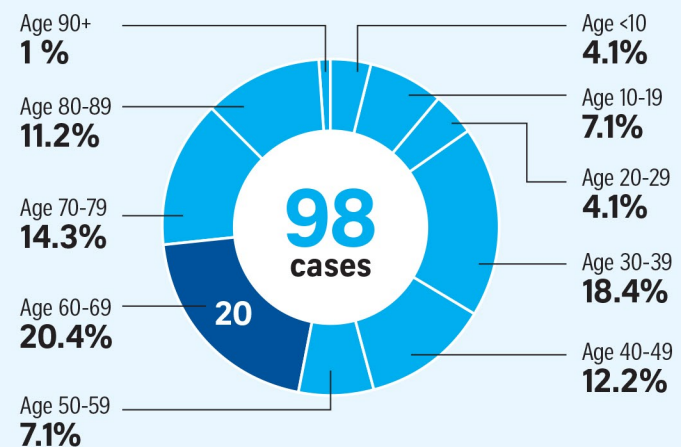


Personnel in full PPE inside the swab testing area for Bukit Merah View residents at Block 125A Bukit Merah View yesterday.

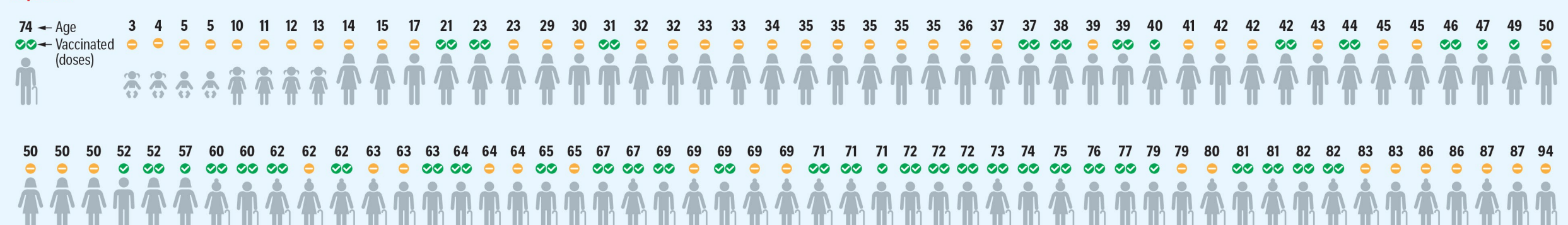


Cleaning under way at the closed 115 Bukit Merah View Market and Hawker Centre yesterday.

Demographic profile of the confirmed cases



First case reported



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How Bukit Merah View became S'pore's largest active cluster

From six to more than 80 infections in over a week – track how Covid-19 cases linked to the Bukit Merah View food centre grew. Also find out more about other clusters.

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