

Russian Parents Call for Quarantine After Kindergarten Teacher Diagnosed With TB

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Parents in central Russia have expressed concern over the authorities' refusal to close a local kindergarten after one of its teachers was diagnosed with tuberculosis, a news report said.

The chief doctor of the Ivanovo region's tuberculosis clinic, Irina Atroshenko, has sought to dispel their worries, saying Kindergarten 104 in the town of Pustosh Bor had been “disinfected,” with sanitation workers having cleaned the “floors, walls, all the furniture [and] beds,” local Ivanovo News portal reported Tuesday.

But parents argued the kindergarten should have been shut down and quarantined, the report said.

“It's unknown how much time this employee spent at the kindergarten, how much they interacted with children, or how closely,” Olga Zabrodina, the mother of a 5-year-old student

in the kindergarten, was quoted as saying.

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All other employees have been ordered to undergo fluorography screening — an X-ray test used to diagnose tuberculosis — while the children are taking Mantoux tests for the disease and will be under medical observation, the report said.

At least 18 children were diagnosed with tuberculosis in the Ivanovo region last year, in addition to the seven diagnosed so far in 2015, Ivanovo News reported.

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