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Korea Disease Control and
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Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

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Change to Social Distancing Level 1

October 12, 2020

- With the social distancing level downgraded to Social Distancing Level 1 (effective 12 October), KDCA requests the public to remain vigilant and continue to follow infection prevention guidelines.
- Although the national social distancing level has been lowered to level 1, areas with continued emergence of local clusters (such as the Seoul metropolitan area) will maintain some Level 2 measures including mandatory infection control and prevention measures for high-risk facilities.
- Venues with risk of exposure to a large number of unspecified people such as public transportation and protest venues, as well as facilities with vulnerable population groups such as hospitals, nursing homes, and care facilities are required to make mask wearing mandatory regardless of social distancing level in effect.
- Failure to wear masks or improper mask wearing* in places where it is mandatory may lead to a fine** imposed on the person involved as well as the manager/operator of the facility.
 - * not wearing masks or not completely covering nose and mouth
 - ** 1-month grace period: October 13 – November 12, 2020
- KDCA stressed that easing of social distancing level to Level 1 is possible because of the voluntary and responsible adoption of safety practices by the public, and requested the public to continue to make infection prevention an everyday habit to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19.