

Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

14 April 2020

O As of 0:00, 14 April 2020, a total of 10,564 cases (including 940 imported cases) have been confirmed, of which 7,534 cases have been discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 27 in total.

[Table 1. Total confirmed and suspected cases]

Period	Total		Tested p	ositive	Being tested	Tested negative			
(since 3 Jan)	TOLAI	Confirmed	Discharged	Isolated Deceased					being tested
As of 0:00	518,743	10,537	7,447	2.873	217	13,391	494.815		
13 April (Mon)	310,743	10,557	7,447	2,073	217	13,391	494,013		
As of 0:00	527,438	10,564	7.534	2.808	222	14,651	502,223		
14 April (Tues)	321,430	10,504	1,554	2,000	222	14,051	302,223		
Difference	(+)8,695	(+)27	(+)87	(-)65	(+)5	(+)1,260	(+)7,408		

[Table 2. Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 14 April 2020)]

	T		Regio	on/Country	Where	confirmed	Nationality			
	Total	China	Asia ex-China	Europe	America	Africa	Airport Community		Korean	Other
New	12	0	1	2	9	0	7	5	11	1
Tetal	040	16	100	423	398	3	389	551	862	78
ıotai	Total 940	(1.7%)	(10.6%)	(45.0%)	(42.3%)	(0.3%)	(41.4%)	(58.6%)	(91.7%)	(8.3%)

^{*} Figures may change based on findings from ongoing local epidemiological investigation efforts.

- O Epidemiological links have been found for 81.4% of the total cases; 9.7% are either under investigation or sporadic cases. More details on the epidemiological links within each province or city are shown in Table 3.
- O From Second Mi-Ju Hospital in Daegu City, 2 additional cases (patients) were confirmed from the testing of all 137 persons (patients and staff/workers) under cohort isolation. In total, 193 cases (patients = 179; staff/workers = 14) have been confirmed since 26 March.
- O From Euijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital in Gyeonggi Province, 2 additional cases (patients = 2) were confirmed while under quarantine. In total, 64 cases (patients = 24; staff/workers = 16; family/guardians/other contacts = 24) have been confirmed since 29 March.
- O From Yecheon-gun, Gyeongbuk Province, 11 additional cases were confirmed during investigation of contacts. In total, 25 cases (including 1 in Mungyeong City) have been confirmed since 9 April. (The figures in Table 3 are based on cases reported to KCDC before 0:00 of 14 April and may differ from above.)



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O In light of the fact that 52.3% of new cases during the last 2 weeks were imported cases, KCDC urged all inbound travelers who boarded from overseas to comply with home quarantine guidelines.

- Persons under home quarantine (self-quarantine) are required to follow the quarantine guidelines provided. They must not share their utensils, towels and other personal belongings with their family, roommates, or cohabitants. They must also refrain from coming in contact with family members, roommates, or cohabitants.
- Family members, roommates, or cohabitants must not share their personal items with the person under quarantine. They should also frequently wipe and clean all frequently touched surfaces and avoid coming in contact with the person under quarantine as much as possible.
- O Korean government plans to set up an intergovernmental task force to support the development of treatment and vaccines for COVID-19.
- The intergovernmental task force, which will be co-directed by the Minister of Health and Welfare and the Minister of Science and ICT and consist of members from other related ministries and private sector experts, will watch the progress in the development of treatment and vaccines and identify the challenges in the area and develop support measures accordingly.
- A working-level task force will be co-headed by the Director of National Institute of Health and the Deputy Minister of R&D Policy (of Ministry of Science and ICT). Industry, academia, research, and clinical experts will participate in the task force for regular collaboration in the areas of treatment, vaccine, and infection prevention/control supplies.
- O KCDC asked voters to carefully follow the infection prevention guidelines when casting their votes for the general election tomorrow (15 April).
- Voters should wash their hands thoroughly before and after going to polling places, wear a facemask at polling stations, and keep a distance of at least 1 meter from other voters.
- At the entrance to the polling station, voters will undergo temperature checks, disinfect their hands with hand sanitizer, and put on disposable gloves. Voters should comply with the instructions of poll workers.
- Marking one's hand or finger inside the polling booth with the stamp used to fill out the ballot (something many Korean voters have been doing in recent elections to casually display their pride in exercising their right to vote) is not recommended for this election due to infection prevention reasons.
- O For the upcoming holiday (Election Day) tomorrow, KCDC asked people to continue to participate in the Enhanced Social Distancing and refrain from non-essential gatherings, dining out, or travel.



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Call to actions for 15 April 2020 General Election voters

- ① Do not bring young children to polling places if possible.
- ② Before visiting a polling place, wash your hands with soap thoroughly under running water for at least 30 seconds.
- 3 Wear a face mask when visiting a polling place.
- ④ Before entering the polling place/station, get checked for fever, disinfect your hands, and put on disposable gloves.
- (5) Keep a distance of at least 1 meter between yourself and other voters.
- 6 Refrain from all non-essential conversations in or around polling places.
- ① If you have fever or respiratory symptoms, go to a separate, temporary location to cast your vote and then visit a public health center.
- When you return home, wash your hands with soap thoroughly under running water for at least 30 seconds.

Call to actions for all citizens

- ① Cancel or postpone all non-essential gatherings, dining out, social events, and travel plans.
- * There have been numerous reports overseas of transmission by eating together. All meetings and events involving sharing a meal should especially be postponed or canceled.
- ② If you have fever, cough, sore throat, muscle pain, or other respiratory symptoms, do not go to work. Stay home and get sufficient rest.
- 3 Avoid leaving home except to purchase necessities, to get medical care, or to go to work.
- 4 Avoid handshakes and other forms of physical contact. Keep a 2-meter distance from each other.
- Wash your hands, cover up your sneezes/coughs, and generally maintain strict personal hygiene.
- 6 Disinfect and ventilate your space every day.



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[Table 3: Regional distribution and epidemiological links of the confirmed cases]

	Confirmed cases Clusters												
Region	Total Imported cases		Sub- total	Shin- cheonji	Small clusters	Contacts of confirmed cases	Imported cases	Other*	New cases	Other major clusters			
Seoul	612	233	355	8	262	18	67	24	2	Guro-gu call center (98), Dong-an Church-PC Cafe (20), Manmin Central Church (41), etc.			
Busan	126	16	81	12	50	18	1	29	0	Onchun Church (39), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), etc.			
Daegu	6,822	15	6,090	4,509	655	922	4	717	3	Second Mi-Ju Hospital (193), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (126), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (98), Fatima Hospital (36), etc.			
Incheon	88	37	47	2	34	5	6	4	1	Guro-gu call center (20), etc.			
Gwangju	27	11	16	9	0	1	6	0	0				
Daejeon	39	9	21	2	11	8	0	9	0	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.			
Ulsan	42	10	24	16	1	4	3	8	1				
Sejong	46	3	42	1	38	3	0	1	0	Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (30), gym facilities (8)			
Gyeonggi	639	145	447	29	305	60	53	47	8	Grace River Church in Seongnam (72), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), Uijeongbu St. Many's Hospital (44), etc.			
Gangwon	49	12	30	17	13	0	0	7	0	Apartments in Wonju City (3), Euijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (8), etc.			
Chung- buk	45	5	32	6	18	6	2	8	0	Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11)			
Chung- nam	139	10	120	0	118	1	1	9	0	Gym facilities in Cheonan (103), research center in Seosan (9), etc.			
Jeonbuk	17	8	4	1	3	0	0	5	0				
Jeonnam	15	7	7	1	3	2	1	1	0	Manmin Central Church (2)			
Gyeong- buk	1,342	9	1,197	566	439	191	1	136	5	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (120), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (68), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Gyeongsan Seo Convalescent Hospital (65), etc.			
Gyeong- nam	115	14	84	32	45	6	1	17	0	Geochang Church (10), Geochang Woongyang-myeon (8), Wings Tower (10), etc.			
Jeju	12	7	1	0	0	0	1	4	0				
Airport	389	389 940	0 8,598	0 5,211	0 1,995	0 1,245	0 147	0 1,026	7				
Total	10,564	(8.9)	(81.4)	(49.3)	(18.9)	(11.8)	(1.4)	(9.7)	27				

^{*} Not classified into a cluster or under investigation

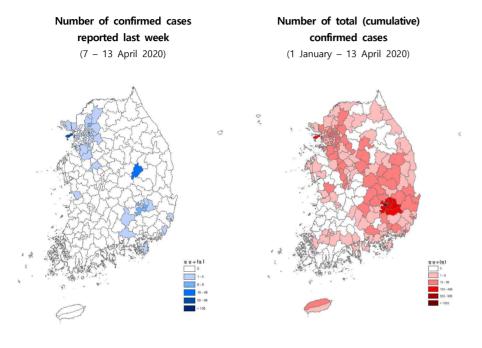
^{**} The interim classification is based on the reporting location, which may change depending on further epidemiological investigation.



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[Figure 1: Distribution of confirmed cases based on location reported]



[Table 4: Age distribution of severe cases]

Age group	Total	Severe	(%)	Very severe	(%)
Total	66	24	(100.0)	42	(100.0)
80 and above	10	3	(12.5)	7	(16.7)
70-79	30	11	(45.8)	19	(45.2)
60-69	15	5	(20.8)	10	(23.8)
50-59	6	3	(12.5)	3	(7.1)
40-49	3	0	(0.0)	3	(7.1)
30-39	0	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
20-29	2	2	(8.3)	0	(0.0)
10-19	0	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
0-9	0	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)



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[Table 5: Age distribution of cases that retested positive]

Total	(%)
124	(100.0)
13	(10.5)
5	(4.0)
15	(12.1)
23	(18.5)
13	(10.5)
19	(15.3)
28	(22.6)
5	(4.0)
3	(2.4)
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[Figure 2: New cases (for last 2 weeks) by chain of transmission]

