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18 April, 2020

○ As of 0:00, 18 April 2020, the total number of confirmed cases is 10,653 (including 993 imported cases), of which 7,937 cases have been discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 18 in total.

[Table 1. Total confirmed and suspected cases]

Period (since 3 Jan)	Total	Tested positive (PCR)				Being tested	Tested negative
		Confirmed	Discharged from isolation	Under isolation	Deceased		
As of 0:00 17 April (Fri)	546,463	10,635	7,829	2,576	230	14,186	521,642
As of 0:00 18 April (Sat)	554,834	10,653	7,937	2,484	232	13,550	530,631
Difference	(+)8,371	(+)18	(+)108	(-)92	(+)2	(-)636	(+)8,989

[Table 2. Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 16 April 2020)]

	Total	Region/Country						Where confirmed		Nationality	
		China	Asia ex-China	Europe	Americas	Africa	Australia	Point of Entry	Community	Korean	Other
New	9	0	1	2	6	0	0	4	5	8	1
Total	993	16 (1.6%)	108 (10.9%)	437 (44.0%)	428 (43.1%)	3 (0.3%)	1 (0.1%)	412 (41.5%)	581 (58.5%)	910 (91.6%)	83 (8.4%)

\* Figures may change based on findings from ongoing local epidemiological investigation efforts.

○ Epidemiological links have been found for 81.1% of the total cases; 9.6% are either under investigation or sporadic cases. More details on the epidemiological links within each province or city are shown in Table 3.

○ From Seoul Asan Medical Center, a contact of confirmed case, who has been under self-quarantine, was confirmed positive.

○ From Second Mi-ju Hospital in Daegu, 2 additional cases (patients) were confirmed through testing the entire patients and staff under cohort-isolation, which brings current total to 195 confirmed cases (patients = 191, staff = 14) since 26 March.

○ From Nonsan Korean Army Training Center in Chung-nam Province, two military trainees admitted on 13 April were confirmed on 15 and 17 April respectively. Epidemiological investigation is underway.

(The figures in Table 3 are based on cases reported to KCDC before 0:00 of 18 April and may differ from above.)



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

Region	Confirmed cases									Other major clusters
	Total	Imported cases	Clusters					Other*	New cases	
			Sub-total	Shin-cheonji	Small clusters	Contacts of confirmed cases	Imported cases			
Seoul	622	242	358	8	262	18	70	22	1	Guro-gu call center (98), Dong-an Church-PC Cafe (20), Manmin Central Church (41), etc.
Busan	130	20	81	12	50	18	1	29	0	Onchun Church (39), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), etc.
Daegu	6,830	16	6,094	4,509	659	922	4	720	3	<b>Second Mi-Ju Hospital (195)</b> , Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (127), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (100), Fatima Hospital (36), etc.
Incheon	90	39	47	2	34	5	6	4	1	Guro-gu call center (20), etc.
Gwangju	30	14	16	9	0	1	6	0	0	
Daejeon	39	9	21	2	11	8	0	9	-1	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.
Ulsan	42	11	24	16	1	4	3	7	0	
Sejong	46	3	42	1	38	3	0	1	0	Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (30), gym facilities (8)
Gyeonggi	654	150	463	29	317	55	62	41	4	Grace River Church in Seongnam (72), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), <b>Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (48)</b> , etc.
Gangwon	53	14	32	17	15	0	0	7	1	Apartments in Wonju City (3), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (10), etc.
Chungbuk	45	5	32	6	18	6	2	8	0	Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11)
Chungnam	141	11	120	0	118	1	1	10	2	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)
Gyeongbuk	1,358	10	1,215	566	457	191	1	133	2	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (120), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (68), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Gyeongsan Seo Convalescent Hospital (66), Yechun-gun (34), etc.
Gyeongnam	116	14	85	33	45	6	1	17	1	Geochang Church (10), Geochang Woongyang-myeon (8), Wings Tower (10), etc.
Jeju	13	8	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	
Airport	412	412	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Total	10,653	993 (9.3)	8,642 (81.1)	5,212 (48.9)	2,031 (19.1)	1,240 (11.6)	159 (1.5)	1,018 (9.6)	18	

\* 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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○ Although the number of confirmed cases has seen a decline recently, a risk of rapid transmission from close contact in enclosed environment, such as internet cafe, bar, and public bath, still remains. KCDC therefore asked the public for a strict compliance with social distancing and personal hygiene practice.

### 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.**
- ⑤ 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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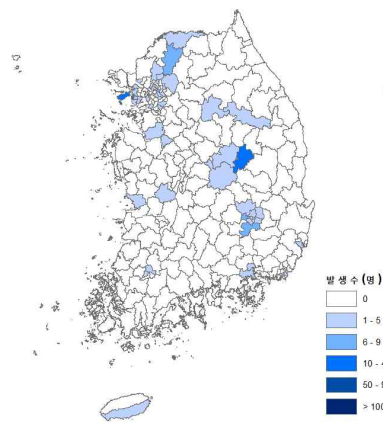
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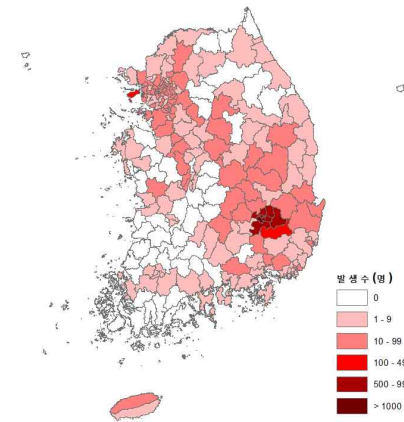
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[Figure 1: Distribution of confirmed cases based on location reported]

Number of confirmed cases reported last week (11 – 17 April 2020)



Number of total (cumulative) confirmed cases (1 January – 17 April 2020)



[Table 4: Age distribution of severe cases]

Age group	Total	Severe ( % )	Very severe ( % )
Total	61	24 ( 100.0 )	37 ( 100.0 )
80 and above	10	4 ( 16.7 )	6 ( 16.2 )
70-79	30	13 ( 54.2 )	17 ( 45.9 )
60-69	13	4 ( 16.7 )	9 ( 24.3 )
50-59	4	1 ( 4.2 )	3 ( 78.1 )
40-49	2	0 ( 0.0 )	2 ( 5.4 )
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]

Age group	Total	( % )
Total	173	( 100.0 )
80 and above	16	( 9.2 )
70-79	6	( 3.5 )
60-69	20	( 11.6 )
50-59	31	( 17.9 )
40-49	22	( 12.7 )
30-39	27	( 15.6 )
20-29	40	( 23.1 )
10-19	6	( 3.5 )
0-9	5	( 2.9 )

[Figure 2: New cases (for last 2 weeks) by chain of transmission]

