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Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

2 April 2020

○ As of 0:00, 2 April 2020, a total of 9,976 cases (including 601 imported cases) have been confirmed, of which 5,828 cases have been discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 89 in total.

[Table 1. Total confirmed and suspected cases]

Period (since 3 Jan)	Total	Tested positive				Being tested	Tested negative
		Confirmed	Discharged	Isolated	Deceased		
As of 0:00 1 April (Wed)	421,547	9,887	5,567	4,155	165	16,585	395,075
As of 0:00 2 April (Thurs)	431,743	9,976	5,828	3,979	169	17,885	403,882
Difference	10,196	89	261	-176	4	1,300	8,807

○ Epidemiological links have been found for 83.3% of the total cases; 10.7% are either under investigation or sporadic cases. More details on the epidemiological links within each province or city are shown in Table 2.

○ From Asan Medical Center in Songpa-gu, Seoul, no additional case has been confirmed with COVID-19 other than the 1 case confirmed on 31 March. Disinfection of the patient's routes in the hospital and management of contacts are underway.

○ In Daegu, from Second Mi-Ju Hospital, 12 new cases have been confirmed. From Daesil Convalescent Hospital, 1 new case was confirmed. From Hansarang Convalescent Hospital, 2 new cases were confirmed, bringing the total from the hospital to 123 confirmed cases.

○ From Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital in Gyeonggi Province, 9 additional cases were confirmed. In total, 22 cases (patients = 10; staff/workers = 7; family/visitors = 5) have been confirmed since 29 March. Further epidemiological investigation is underway.

○ From Wings Tower Spa and Fitness in Gyeongnam Province, 7 cases have been confirmed since 28 March. (The figure on Table 2 may differ as the table is based on data reported to KCDC before 0:00 of 2 April 2020.)

○ Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases around the world and the rise in imported cases, Korea implemented stronger infectious disease control measures for inbound travelers starting 1 April.

Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 1 April 2020)

	Total	Region/Country					Where confirmed		Nationality	
		China	Asia ex-China	Europe	America	Africa	Airport	Community	Korean	Other
New	36	0	3	15	18	0	18	18	32	4
Total	601	17 (2.8%)	67 (11.1%)	316 (52.6%)	198 (32.9%)	3 (0.5%)	242 (40.3%)	359 (59.7%)	551 (91.7%)	50 (8.3%)

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



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- All Koreans and foreigners residing in Korea arriving from all overseas countries will be subject to mandatory self-quarantine (home quarantine) for 14 days upon entry. Foreigners on a short-term visit will be subject to facility quarantine and pay for the use of the facility. Exceptions to self-quarantine will be applied only for limited cases with valid reasons for exemption (such as a matter of public/national interest). The exempt persons will still be subject to testing and active monitoring.
- Persons arriving from overseas should return home straight after arriving at the airport. They should travel in their own vehicle or designated airport limousine bus or designated KTX train (reserved specifically for this purpose). They are required to sanitize their hands and wear a facemask during movement.
- The persons under self-quarantine are required to follow the self-quarantine guidelines provided. They must not share their utensils, towels and other personal belongings with their family, refrain from coming in contact with family members, roommates, or cohabitants. Family members, roommates, or cohabitants should wear a facemask and keep 2 meter distance from the person under self-quarantine, ventilate the living space frequently, and clean all frequently touched surfaces often. If they notice suspected symptoms develop (fever, cough, sore throat, muscle pain, shortness of breath, etc.) they must contact the designated public official or use the self-quarantine app to notify their symptoms and go to a screening center to be tested.
- All persons who arrived in Korea from overseas within the last 14 days, even if they are not subject to mandatory self-quarantine, should stay home as much as possible, minimize contact with other people, maintain strict personal hygiene (washing hands, covering sneezes/coughs, etc.) to prevent infecting family members or those sharing living spaces, and call to ask a local public health center, KCDC call center (1339) or local call centers (area code + 120) to be tested at a screening center, and disclose their international travel history to the healthcare professionals.
- The Ministry of Health and Welfare and KCDC announced that they have selected the Yonsei University's University Industry Foundation as the head of the project for the "Vaccine Technology Research and Development Project". State fund of 215.1 billion won will be invested for 10 years (2020-2029). The Project will conduct research on the entire cycle of vaccine development process from discovery of candidate substances to clinical trials. It will also support the development of COVID-19 vaccines, including support for follow-up of clinical and non-clinical studies.
- KNIH is working on clinical research for the application of COVID-19 treatment with the supplementary budget secured on 31 March. The clinical research includes analysis of the effects of hydroxychloroquine, calleta, and others on COVID-19. KNIH plans to actively pursue research to derive useful results that can meet the needs of the healthcare field.



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○ The Korean government is promoting the Enhanced Social Distancing campaign from 22 March to 5 April. The KCDC is advising limited operation of high-risk facilities, businesses and sectors and advising people to stay home and refrain from going outside, and minimize contact with coworkers at work. The KCDC again urged people to continue to refrain from attending religious gathering, going to indoor fitness or sports facilities, or otherwise engaging in activities that make it easy to come in close contact with other people in an enclosed space, and maintain good personal hygiene including washing hands and covering coughs/sneezes.

○ For example, 4 confirmed cases from SaengMyeongSu Church cluster were preschool workers, but further spread was prevented because the temporary closure of the preschool. As another example, some people who were involved in preparing for online streaming of worship at Manmin Central Church were infected with COVID-19, but the number of cases could have been higher if the church had decided to have in-person worship instead. Social Distancing worked to prevent or limit virus infection in both cases.

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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[Table 2: 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	488	134	314	7	237	30	40	40	14	Guro-gu call center (97), Dong-an Church-PC Cafe (20), Manmin Central Church (36) , etc.
Busan	122	12	80	12	50	18	0	30	0	Onchun Church (32), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), etc.
Daegu	6,725	6	5,979	4,477	578	921	3	740	21	Second Mi-Ju Hospital (147), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (123), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (95) , etc.
Incheon	73	27	43	2	31	6	4	3	4	Guro-gu call center (20), etc.
Gwangju	25	8	16	9	0	1	6	1	1	
Daejeon	36	6	21	2	11	8	0	9	0	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.
Ulsan	40	8	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	516	102	371	29	262	61	19	43	17	Grace River Church in Seongnam (72) , Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), UiJeongbu St. Mary's Hospital , etc.
Gangwon	39	8	23	17	6	0	0	8	1	Apartments in Wonju City (3), etc.
Chungbuk	44	4	32	6	18	6	2	8	0	Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11)
Chungnam	133	8	117	0	114	3	0	8	2	Gym facilities in Cheonan (103), research center in Seosan (8), etc.
Jeonbuk	14	6	3	1	2	0	0	5	0	
Jeonnam	14	5	7	1	3	2	1	2	2	Manmin Central Church (2)
Gyeongbuk	1,304	7	1,164	562	412	189	1	133	2	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (120), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (68), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Gyeongsan Seo Convalescent Hospital (46), etc.
Gyeongnam	106	10	76	32	37	7	0	20	6	Geochang Church (10), Geochang Woongyang-myeon (7), etc.
Jeju	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	
Airport	242	242	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Total	9,976	601 (6.0%)	8,309 (83.3%)	5,175 (51.9%)	1,796 (18.0%)	1,259 (12.6%)	79 (0.8%)	1,066 (10.7%)	89	

* 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.



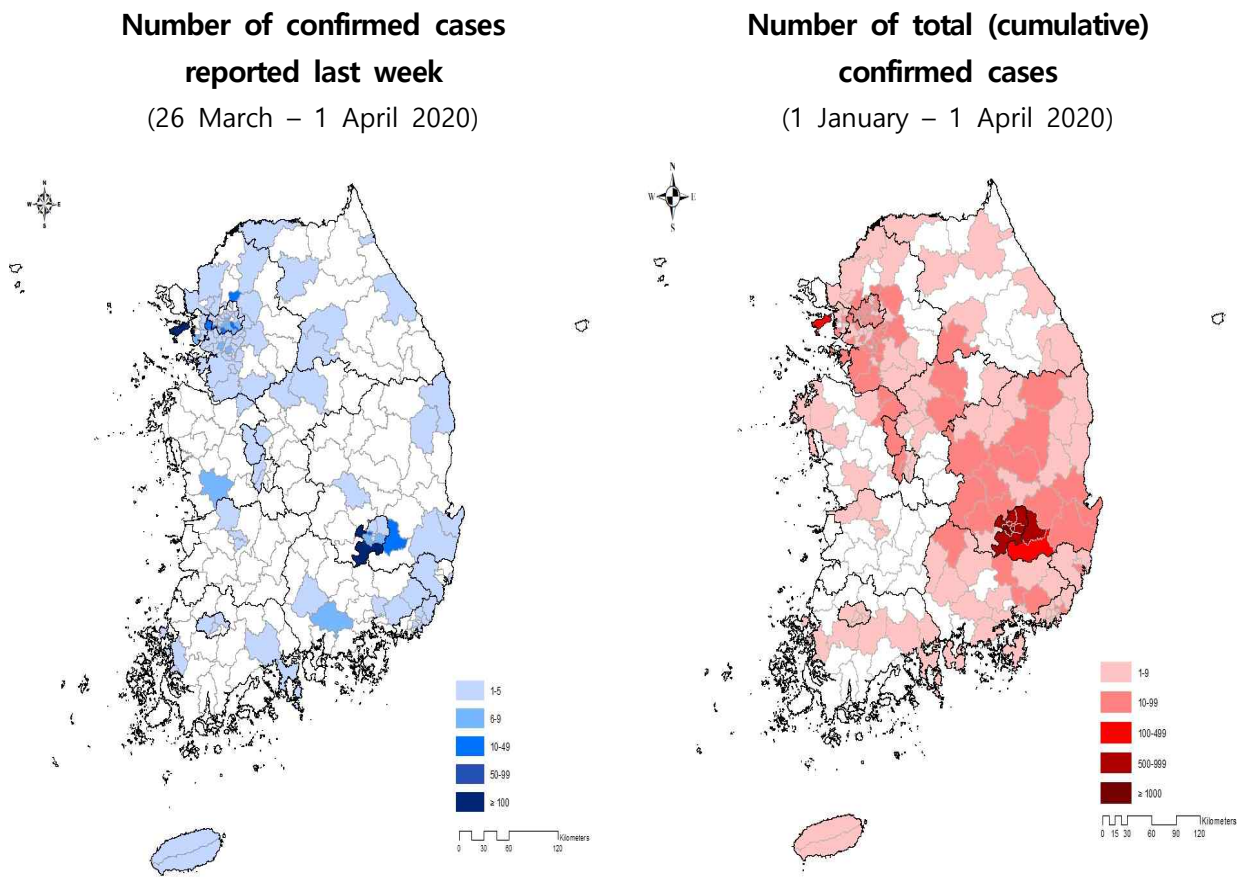
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[Figure 1: Distribution of confirmed cases based on location reported]



[Table 3: Age distribution of severe cases]

Age group	Total	Severe (%)	Very severe (%)
Total	78	28 (100.0)	50 (100.0)
80 and above	19	12 (42.9)	7 (14.0)
70-79	29	8 (28.6)	21 (42.0)
60-69	19	4 (14.3)	15 (30.0)
50-59	8	3 (10.7)	5 (10.0)
40-49	1	0 (0.0)	1 (2.0)
30-39	1	1 (3.6)	0 (0.0)
20-29	1	0 (0.0)	1 (2.0)
10-19	0	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
0-9	0	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)