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# The Updates of COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

As of 24 February, 2020

○ Compared to yesterday morning (09:00, 23 February, 2020), 207 additional cases are confirmed, which brings the total number of confirmed cases to 763 with 738 cases in isolation. 19,127 turned out to be negative and 8,725 are currently being tested.

Period (since 3 January)	Total	Confirmed cases				Suspected cases		
		Sub total	discharged	isolated	Deceased	Sub total	being tested	tested negative
As of 9:00, 23 Feb.	22,633	556	18	534	4	22,077	6,039	16,038
<b>As of 9:00, 24 Feb.</b>	<b>28,615</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27,852</b>	<b>8,725</b>	<b>19,127</b>
Differences	+5,982	+207	0*	+204	+3 **	+5,775	+2,686	+3,089

\* The 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> cases will be released from isolation later today.

\*\* Three cases(#54, #55, and #286) passed away on 23 February, and the cause of death is currently being investigated. 54<sup>th</sup> case is a Korean male born in 1963, 55<sup>th</sup> case is a Korean male born in 1961, and 286<sup>th</sup> case is a Korean male born in 1958. All of the deceased cases belong to Cheongdo Daenam Hospital cluster.

○ Including 207 newly confirmed cases, the total of 763 cases are classified by the clusters and the regions as follows.

Regions	Confirmed cases						Remarks
	sub total	Shincheonji (Religious sect)	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital	Imported or imported related	Others*	Newly confirmed**	
Seoul	30	1	0	18	11	4	Mostly imported or imported related
Busan	17	4	1	0	12	8	Onchun Church related
Daegu	442	376	0	0	66	155	Mostly Shincheonji cluster
Incheon	2	1	0	1	0	0	Mostly Shincheonji cluster
Gwangju	9	7	0	1	1	2	Mostly Shincheonji cluster
Daejeon	3	0	0	0	3	1	
Ulsan	1	1	0	0	0	0	Shincheonji cluster
Sejong	1	1	0	0	0	0	Shincheonji cluster
Gyeonggi	35	8	0	11	16	12	Mostly imported or imported related
Gangwon	7	3	0	0	4	0	Mostly Shincheonji cluster
Chungbuk	3	3	0	0	0	0	Shincheonji cluster
Chungnam	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Cheonbuk	3	0	0	1	2	0	Imported or imported related
Cheonnam	1	0	0	1	0	0	Imported or imported related
Gyeongbuk	186	38	112	0	36	16	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital cluster or travel history to Israel
Gyeongnam	20	13	0	0	7	9	Mostly Shincheonji cluster
Jeju	2	0	0	0	2	0	Shincheonji cluster
Total	763	456 59.8%	113 14.8%	33 4.3%	161 21.1%	207	74.6% are Shincheonji and Cheongdo Daenam Hospital clusters

\* Not classified into a cluster or under investigation

\*\* Confirmed from 9:00, 23 February to 9:00 24 February

※ The interim classification is based on the reporting location, which may change depending on further epidemiological investigation.



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○ The Korean government has raised the alert level from Orange(Level 3) to Red (Level 4) in order to prepare for a possible nation-wide transmission. It was a proactive decision taking into consideration the pattern and speed of transmission.

- Community transmission has been expanded from special management regions, Daegu (Shincheonji) and Cheongdo (Daenam Hospital). The newly confirmed cases are also mostly related to Shincheonji clusters.

- The government takes both containment and mitigation strategies, considering the different situations in regions. In the special management regions (Daegu and Cheongdo), the response measures are more focused on isolating and treating potential cases than tracing an individual case. Furthermore, medical resources are put into severe cases so as to mitigate the impact, such as death. In other regions, epidemiological investigation and environmental disinfection are conducted to find Shincheonji-related cases as well as to prevent sporadic community spread.