

# **Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea**

31 March 2020

O As of 0:00, 31 March 2020, a total of 9,786 cases (including 518 imported cases) have been confirmed, of which 5,408 cases have been discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 125 in total.

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(since 3 Jan)	IOIAI	Confirmed	Discharged	Isolated	Deceased	Being tested	resieu riegauve		
As of 0:00	395,194	9,661	5,228	4.275	158	13.531	372,002		
30 March (Mon)	333,134	9,001	3,220	4,213	130	13,331	312,002		
As of 0:00	410,564	9.786	5,408	4.216	162	16.892	383,886		
31 March (Tues)	410,304	3,700	3,400	4,210	102	10,032	303,000		
Difference	15,370	125	180	-59	4	3,361	11,884		

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In	vestia	ation i	into	places	visited	by n	ew cor	nfirmed	cases	and	conta	ct trac	ing a	re un	derwa	av.		

O From Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital in Gyeonggi Province, 7 cases (inpatients = 4; staff/workers = 3)
have been confirmed since 29 March. One patient who was in inpatient care on the 8th floor during
16-25 March was confirmed on 29 March, which prompted investigation into the contacts in the 8th floor
ward, which found 6 additional confirmed cases. The 8th floor ward has been temporarily shut down.
Testing is underway for around 200 healthcare staff and patients.

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#### Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 31 March 2020)

	Total		Regio	on/Country			Where c	onfirmed	Nationality		
	lotal	China	Asia ex-China	Europe	America	Africa	Airport	Community	Korean	Other	
New	29	0	2	13	14	0	15	14	28	1	
Total	F10	17	60	282	157	2	217	301	476	42	
TOLAI	518	(3.3%)	(11.6%)	(54.4%)	(30.3%)	(0.4%)	(41.9%)	(58.1%)	(91.9%)	(8.1%)	

<sup>\*</sup> Figures may change based on findings from ongoing local epidemiological investigation efforts.

O As of today, only travelers arriving from Europe or the United States are ordered to self-quarantine. Starting 0:00 of 1 April, all Koreans and foreigners residing in Korea arriving from all overseas countries will be subject to self-quarantine for 14 days upon entry.

O As of today, short-term travelers without domestic residence have been subject to active monitoring rather than self-quarantine. Starting 1 April, all short-term travelers will also be ordered to self-quarantine, with exceptions\* allowed only for limited cases:

- \* (1) A-1 (diplomat), A-2 (official duty), or A-3 (agreement) visa types; or
- (2) A self-quarantine exemption issued in advance by a Korean Embassy prior to entry for one of the following reasons:
  - ▲ important business purpose (contract, investment, etc.)
  - ▲ academic purpose (international convention)
  - other public or humanitarian purpose recognized as valid reason for exemption

O Short-term travelers who do not have a place of residence or a place to self-quarantine will be allowed to use a quarantine facility provided by national or local government. In this case, the person (regardless of whether Korean or of foreign nationality) will be required to pay for the use of such facility.

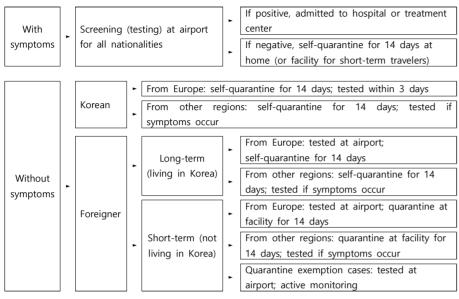
O Persons traveling in from overseas who fail to comply with self-quarantine regulations are subject to imprisonment up to 1 year or fine up to 10 million won (effective 5 April) for violation of Infectious Disease Control and Prevention Act (Paragraph 1 of Article 49 and Article 79-3). Persons of foreign nationality who fail to comply may be subject to measures including deportation and entry ban in accordance with Immigration Act (Articles 11 and 46).



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## Quarantine process for travelers from overseas (effective 0:00, 1 April)



- O 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.
- O During the self-quarantine period, 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. 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.
- O 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.



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O The KCDC also advised employers to ensure that employees returning from international business trips will not return to their office for the first 2 weeks upon their return. In particular, employers should especially ensure that employees working at publicly used venues who have international travel history are required to work from home or take a short leave.

O In the absence of a scientifically proven method for treatment of COVID-19 patients, KCDC is working on providing guidelines on the use of convalescent plasma of recovered patients in treating severe COVID-19 patients. Convalescent plasma of recovered patient was used in South Korea in 2015 to treat severe MERS patients. Recently, administration of plasma of recovered patients on severe COVID-19 patients in China has been reported to have resulted in improvement in the patients' clinical status.

O The Korean government is promoting the Enhanced Social Distancing campaign from 22 March to 5 April. The KCDC is advising high-risk facilities, businesses and sectors to limit operation, advise 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.

#### 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 hydiene.
- 6 Disinfect and ventilate your space every day.



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### [Regional distribution and epidemiological links of the confirmed cases]

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Region	Total	Imported cases	Sub- total	Shin- cheonji	Small clusters	Contacts of confirmed cases	Imported cases	Other*	New cases	Other major clusters
Seoul	450	119	293	7	217	32	37	38	24	Guro-gu call center (96), Dong-an Church-PC Cafe (20), Manmin Central Church (29), etc.
Busan	119	8	80	12	50	18	0	31	1	Onchun Church (32), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), etc.
Daegu	6,684	5	5,930	4,468	545	914	3	749	60	Second Mi-Ju Hospital (113), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (110), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (91), etc.
Incheon	64	21	36	2	29	3	2	7	6	Guro-gu call center (20), etc.
Gwangju	20	5	14	9	0	2	3	1	0	
Daejeon	36	4	21	2	11	8	0	11	2	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.
Ulsan	39	8	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	476	86	348	29	243	58	18	42	13	Grace River Church in Seongnam (68), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), etc.
Gangwon	36	6	22	17	5	0	0	8	0	Apartments in Wonju City (3), etc.
Chung- buk	44	4	32	6	11	13	2	8	0	Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11)
Chung- nam	128	7	113	0	112	1	0	8	1	Gym facilities in Cheonan (103), research center in Seosan (8), etc.
Jeon- buk	13	6	1	1	0	0	0	6	0	
Jeon- nam	9	2	6	1	2	2	1	1	0	Manmin Central Church (2)
Gyeong- buk	1,300	5	1,162	559	409	193	1	133	2	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (120), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (68), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Gyeongsan Seo Convalescent Hospital (46), etc.
Gyeong- nam	96	7	72	32	35	5	0	17	1	Geochang Church (10), Geochang Woongyang-myeon (8), etc.
Jeju	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	
Airport	217	217	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	
Total	9,786	518 (5.3%)	8,196 (83.8%)	5,162 (52.7%)	1,708 (17.5%)	1,256 (12.8%)	70 (0.7%)	1,072 (11.0%)	125	

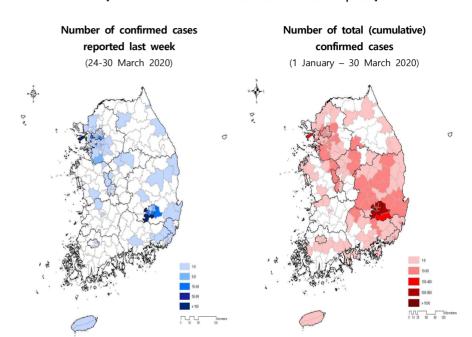
<sup>\*</sup> Not classified into a cluster or under investigation



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## [Distribution of confirmed cases based on location reported]



## [Age distribution of severe cases]

Age group	Total	Severe	( % )	Very severe	( % )
Total	74	23	( 100.0 )	51	( 100.0 )
80 and above	15	9	( 39.1 )	6	( 11.8 )
70-79	29	8	( 34.8 )	21	( 41.2 )
60-69	20	4	( 17.4 )	16	( 31.4 )
50-59	6	1	( 4.3 )	5	( 9.8 )
40-49	3	1	( 4.3 )	2	( 3.9 )
30-39	0	0	( 0.0 )	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 )

<sup>\*\*</sup> The interim classification is based on the reporting location, which may change depending on further epidemiological investigation.