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Korea Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

# The Updates of COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

16 May, 2020

- As of 0:00, 16 May 2020, the total number of confirmed cases is 11,037 (including 1,160 imported cases), of which 9,851 cases have been discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 19 in total.

[Table 1. Total reported/tested cases]

Period (since 3 Jan)	Total	Tested positive (PCR)				Testing in progress	Tested negative (PCR)
		Confirmed	Discharged from isolation	Under isolation	Deceased		
As of 0:00 15 May (Fri)	726,747	11,018	9,821	937	260	19,875	695,854
As of 0:00 16 May (Sat)	740,645	11,037	9,851	924	262	18,343	711,265
Difference	(+)13,898	(+)19	(+)30	(-)13	2	(-)1,532	(+)15,411

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

	Total	Region/Country						Where confirmed		Nationality	
		China	Asia ex-China	Europe	Americas	Africa	Australia	Point of Entry	Community	Korean	Other
New	10	0	6	1	3	0	0	8	2	1	9
Total	1,160	19 (1.6%)	171 (14.7%)	466 (40.2%)	495 (42.7%)	8 (0.7%)	1 (0.1%)	490 (42.2%)	670 (57.8%)	1,034 (89.1%)	126 (10.9%)

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

- Of the 19 new cases, 10 were imported cases and 9 were locally transmitted cases.
  - 6 of the locally transmitted cases are related to the Itaewon club cluster.
    - > 1 is a visitor to Itaewon clubs; 5 are contacts.
- As of 0:00, 16 May, the total number of confirmed cases related to the Itaewon club cluster is 162.
  - By region: Seoul City=90, Gyeonggi Province=31, Incheon City=23, Chungbuk Province=9, Busan City=4, Chungnam Province=1, Jeonbuk Province=1, Gyeongnam Province=1, Gangwon Province=1, Jeju Province=1
  - By chain of transmission: Club visitors=88; Contacts (family/acquaintance/coworkers/etc)=74
  - By age group: [0-18]=16; [19-29]=100; [30-39]=26; [40-49]=9; [50-59]=6; [60+]=5
  - Male=133; Female=29
- KCDC asked anyone who visited any of the nightlife entertainment venues in Itaewon area including any clubs or bars from 24 April to 6 May to:
  - (1) Stay home and refrain from going to other places.
  - (2) Contact a local public health center or dial 1339 (KCDC call center).
  - (3) Visit a screening clinic and get tested, regardless of symptoms.
- KCDC also emphasized that persons who work in an education, places of worship, indoor sports/gym facilities, or other places that are used by many people should get tested because they are at a high



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risk of transmission. Even if the test result is negative, they should minimize contact with others; those in home quarantine should strictly follow the quarantine guideline. They are advised to comply with personal hygiene practice, such as wearing a facemask and washing hands, and get tested again upon the onset of symptoms.

- Noting the recent rise in local transmission of COVID-19, KCDC asked the public to refrain from visiting closed, crowded places during the weekends. If anyone has to visit such places, it is recommended to keep 2-meter distance from other people, wear a facemask, wash hands, and avoid handshaking and touching the eyes, nose, and mouth. The high risk groups (the elderly over 65 years old, pregnant women, people with underlying chronic conditions, etc.), in particular, should not visit closed, crowded places that are not well-ventilated.
- KCDC recommends religious communities to utilize non-face-to-face methods of gathering such as online streaming. Religious communities that meet host gatherings on sight need to check people for elevated temperature, maintain distance between people, have people wear facemasks, and refrain from providing meals to eat together or activities that cause respiratory droplets to disperse such as singing or shouting.
- KCDC recommended that anyone who has come in close contact with a large number of unspecified persons in a closed/confined space such as clubs or bars need to be tested at a screening center through public health center or 1339 call center.
  - KCDC urged people to visit a screening center to get tested especially if two or more persons within a household unit or social gathering COVID-19 have suspected symptoms.



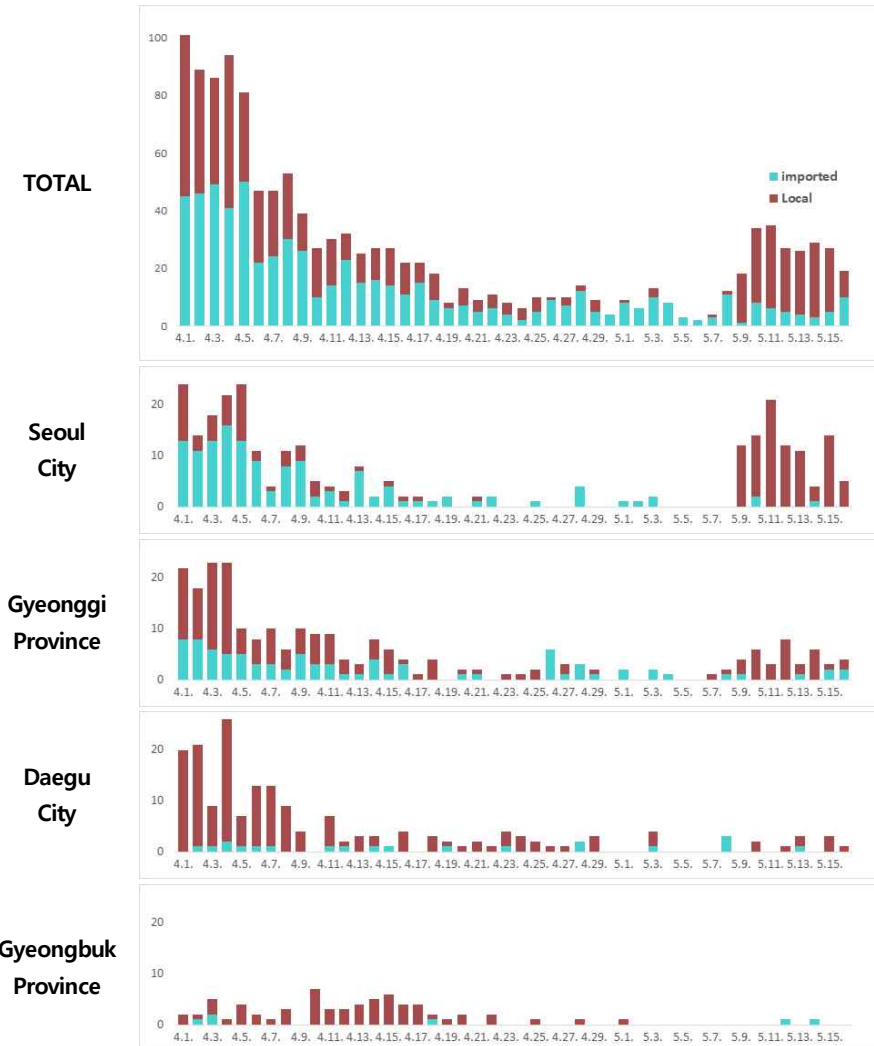
[Table 3: Regional distribution and epidemiological links of the confirmed cases]

Region	Confirmed cases									Other major clusters
	Total	Imported cases	Clusters					Other*	New cases	
			Sub-total	Shin-dheonji	Other clusters	Contacts of confirmed cases	Imported cases			
Seoul	730	260	446	8	353	16	69	24	5	Itaewon clubs (87), Guro-gu call center (98), Dong-an Church-PC Cafe (20), Manmin Central Church (41), etc.
Busan	144	27	88	12	57	18	1	29	0	Itaewon clubs (4), Onchun Church (39), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), etc.
Daegu	6,869	25	6,120	4,510	678	928	4	724	1	Second Mi-Ju Hospital (196), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (128), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (100), Fatima Hospital (37), etc.
Incheon	124	47	72	2	57	6	7	5	0	Itaewon clubs (22), Guro-gu call center (20), etc.
Gwangju	30	14	16	9	0	1	6	0	0	
Daejeon	43	13	21	2	11	8	0	9	0	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.
Ulsan	45	14	24	16	2	3	3	7	0	
Sejong	47	4	42	1	38	3	0	1	0	Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (30), gym facilities (8)
Gyeonggi	721	175	500	29	357	52	62	46	4	Itaewon clubs (27), Grace River Church in Seongnam (72), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (50), etc.
Gangwon	55	15	33	17	16	0	0	7	0	Apartments in Wonju City (3), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (10), etc.
Chungbuk	56	7	41	6	27	6	2	8	1	Itaewon clubs (9), Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11)
Chungnam	144	13	121	0	119	1	1	10	0	Gym facilities in Cheonan (103), research center in Seosan (9), etc.
Jeonbuk	20	10	5	1	4	0	0	5	0	
Jeonnam	18	10	5	1	1	2	1	3	0	
Gyeongbuk	1,368	13	1,224	566	468	190	0	131	0	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (120), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (68), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Gyeongsan Seo Convalescent Hospital (66), Yecheon-gun (41), etc.
Gyeongnam	119	15	86	32	47	6	1	18	0	Geochang Church (10), Geochang Woongyang-myeon (8), Wings Tower (10), etc.
Jeju	14	8	2	0	1	0	1	4	0	
Airport	490	490	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Total	11,037 (%)	1,160 (10.4)	8,846 (80.2)	5,212 (47.4)	2,236 (20.1)	1,240 (11.2)	158 (1.4)	1,031 (9.4)	19	

\* 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.

[Figure 1: Daily confirmed cases by chain of transmission]





[Table 4: Age distribution of severe cases]

Age group	Total	Severe ( % )	Very severe ( % )
Total	18	4 ( 100.0 )	14 ( 100.0 )
80 or above	6	1 ( 25.0 )	5 ( 35.7 )
70-79	7	2 ( 50.0 )	5 ( 35.7 )
60-69	2	0 ( 0.0 )	2 ( 14.3 )
50-59	1	1 ( 25.0 )	0 ( 0.0 )
40-49	2	0 ( 0.0 )	2 ( 14.3 )
30-39	0	0 ( 0.0 )	0 ( 0.0 )
20-29	0	0 ( 0.0 )	0 ( 0.0 )
10-19	0	0 ( 0.0 )	0 ( 0.0 )
0-9	0	0 ( 0.0 )	0 ( 0.0 )

[Table 5: Cases tested positive after discharge]

	Total	( % )
Total	454	( 100.0 )
80 or above	32	( 7.0 )
70-79	26	( 5.7 )
60-69	42	( 9.3 )
50-59	74	( 16.3 )
40-49	59	( 13.0 )
30-39	54	( 11.9 )
20-29	99	( 21.8 )
10-19	54	( 11.9 )
0-9	14	( 3.1 )



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

