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- As of 0:00, 26 May 2020, the total number of confirmed cases is 11,225 (including 1,218 imported cases), of which 10,275 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 25 May (Mon)	826,437	11,206	10,226	713	267	19,089	796,142
As of 0:00 26 May (Tues)	839,475	11,225	10,275	681	269	22,044	806,206
Difference	(+)13,038	(+)19	(+)49	(-)32	(+)2	(+)2,955	(+)10,064

[Table 2. Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 26 May 2020)]

	Total	Region/Country						Where confirmed		Nationality	
		China	Asia ex-China	Europe	Americas	Africa	Australia	Point of Entry	Community	Korean	Other
New	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	1
Total	1,218	19 (1.6%)	204 (16.7%)	469 (38.5%)	517 (42.4%)	8 (0.7%)	1 (0.1%)	521 (42.8%)	697 (57.2%)	1,074 (88.2%)	144 (11.8%)

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

- Of the 19 new cases, 3 were imported cases and 16 were locally transmitted cases.
 - Of the 3 imported cases, 1 is from America, 1 from UAE, and 1 from the Philippines.
- Related to the biblical language study meeting, 1 additional case was confirmed at Grace Church in Dobong-gu, Seoul. This case is presumed to have been infected through contact with the confirmed case from Jusarang Church (Uijeongbu, Gyeonggi Province). In total, 9* cases have been confirmed related to this cluster to date.
 - *1 from Grace Methodist Church (Yangcheon-gu, Seoul); 1 from Grace Church (Dobong-gu, Seoul); 6 from Hwado Uri Church (Namyangju, Gyeonggi Province); 1 from Jusarang Church (Uijeongbu, Gyeonggi Province)
- Related to the Coupang Logistics Center in Bucheon City, Gyeonggi Province, 8 additional cases have been confirmed to date. Testing is underway for the workers of the logistics center. Investigation on the chain of transmission is underway, including possibility of epidemiological link to a confirmed case (visited Laon Party House on 9 May, confirmed on 23 May) from the nightclub-related cluster.
- Related to Elim Church in Gumi City, Gyeongbuk Province, 1 additional case was confirmed who was a family member of a church member. In total, 8* cases have been confirmed related to this cluster.
 - * 7 members of Elim Church (including the student at Daegu Meister High School for Agriculture and the student's family), 1 merchant, 1 family member



○ Regarding the confirmed case in Daegu City who is a member of the military, epidemiological investigation is underway to identify the chain of transmission.

○ As of 12:00 today (26 May), 255 cases have been confirmed related to the nightclubs.

- **(By region)** Seoul City=127, Gyeonggi Province=59, Incheon City=45, Chungbuk Province=9, Busan City=4, Gyeongnam Province=2, Jeonbuk Province=2, Daejeon City=1, Chungnam Province=1, Gangwon Province=1, Jeju Province=1
- **(By chain of transmission)** Club visitors=96; Contacts (family/acquaintance/coworkers/etc)=159
- **(By age group)** [0-18]=28; [19-29]=128; [30-39]=36; [40-49]=22; [50-59]=18; [60+]=23
- **(By sex)** male 192, female 63

○ In an effort to stop further local transmission of COVID-19 within communities as early as possible, KCDC is conducting mass testing of persons who visited public venues and events visited by confirmed COVID-19 cases.

- Persons who visited such places during the respective specified time period are advised to visit a screening clinic and get tested regardless of symptoms. (Refer to Table 5 on the final page.)

○ Regarding the surveillance and investigation system for domestic cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children and Adolescents (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19, 2 cases of suspected MIS-C have been reported as of 0:00 of 26 May.

- Both cases were reported by medical institutions in Seoul region. One case is below 10 years of age. The other is 10-19 years of age. One of the cases does not meet the case definition. But investigation is underway for both cases.

- KCDC requested the media and the public to refer to such cases as "Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children and Adolescents (MIS-C)" or "multisystem inflammatory syndrome" adopted as official terminology by KCDC through expert review and analysis of patient characteristics and clinical symptoms and in consideration of the term used by the World Health Organization.

○ In light of the upcoming opening of schools on 27 May (Wednesday) for high school grade 2 (11th grade), middle school grade 3 (9th grade), elementary school grades 1-2, and kindergarten students, KCDC requested students and school staff to closely follow the infectious disease prevention measures.

COVID-19 PREVENTION MEASURES IN SCHOOLS

- Do not go to school or work if having fever or respiratory symptoms
- Ventilate classrooms by opening windows
- Maintain constant distance between students
- Keep facemasks on at all times* while in school
*Exceptions allowed for meal times or health problems
- Maintain personal hygiene including hand washing and using hand sanitizers
- If having fever of 37.5 degrees or above or respiratory symptoms, immediately inform a health teacher and classroom teacher, put on an MFDS-approved facemask, and wait in a separate area
- Avoid karaoke rooms, PC cafes, bars, clubs, and other publicly used facilities



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- If a confirmed case is found in a school, all students, teachers, and staff of the school will be instructed to put on an MFDS-approved facemask and return home. Local municipal government will conduct epidemiological investigation, disinfection, restriction of use of the affected facility, and other necessary infection control measures.
- As a measure to assess the risk of school dormitory environment, testing will be conducted for dormitory resident students of boarding high schools in Gyeongbuk Province and Incheon City.
 - For Incheon City, the testing will take place on 27-28 May. The personnel required will be provided by the Ministry of National Defense.
 - For Gyeongbuk Province, the testing will take place beginning on 26 May and will also include dormitory resident students of a college in Gyeongsan.
- In light of the recent rise in local transmissions related to clubs, bars, karaoke rooms, and after-school private academies, KCDC urged people to refrain from social gathering or visiting any enclosed/confined/crowded spaces that are frequented by many people.
 - People who cannot avoid visiting an enclosed/crowded space for an essential reason should carefully follow personal hygiene measures including keeping 2 meters of distance from other people, wearing a facemask, avoiding handshakes, washing hands, and not touching eyes, nose, or mouth with their hands.
 - Persons belonging to high-risk groups (including elderly, pregnant women, persons with chronic illness) should especially avoid any poorly ventilated enclosed space frequented by many people. If such a situation cannot be avoided for an essential reason, it is highly important to wear a facemask.
- Anyone who has come in close contact with a large number of unspecified persons in an enclosed/confined space such as clubs or bars need to be tested at a screening clinic through public health center or 1339 call center.
 - KCDC urged people to visit a screening clinic and get tested especially if two or more persons within a household or social group develop COVID-19 suspected symptoms.

“5 Basic Infection Prevention Rules for Everyone”

- (1) Stay home for 3-4 days if you get sick.
- (2) Keep a distance of two arms' length between you and other people.
- (3) Wash your hands for 30 seconds. Cough/sneeze into your sleeve.
- (4) Ventilate your space at least twice a day and disinfect regularly.
- (5) Keep in touch with family and friends while maintaining physical distancing.



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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	Other clusters	Contacts of confirmed cases	Imported cases			
Seoul	783	271	485	8	390	18	69	27	9	Itaewon clubs (118), Samsung Medical Center (7) , 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	6,875	25	6,119	4,510	685	920	4	731	1	Itaewon clubs (3) , Second Mi-Ju Hospital (196), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (128), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (100), Fatima Hospital (37), etc.
Incheon	147	47	95	2	80	6	7	5	3	Itaewon clubs (45) , Guro-gu call center (20), etc.
Gwangju	30	14	16	9	0	1	6	0	0	
Daejeon	45	14	22	2	12	8	0	9	0	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.
Ulsan	50	19	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	768	181	539	29	396	52	62	48	2	Itaewon clubs (59), biblical langue study meeting (7), first responder (3) , Grace River Church in Seongnam (72), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (50), etc.
Gangwon	56	16	33	17	16	0	0	7	0	Apartments in Wonju City (3), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (10), etc.
Chungbuk	60	8	42	6	27	7	2	10	1	Itaewon clubs (9), Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11), etc.
Chungnam	145	13	122	0	120	1	1	10	0	Gym facilities in Cheonan (103), research center in Seosan (9), etc.
Jeonbuk	21	10	6	1	5	0	0	5	0	Itaewon clubs (2)
Jeonnam	18	10	5	1	1	2	1	3	0	
Gyeongbuk	1,378	13	1,232	566	476	190	0	133	1	Gumi Elim Church (8) , Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (120), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (68), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Gyeongsan Seo Convalescent Hospital (66), Yecheon-gun (41), etc.
Gyeongnam	123	17	87	32	48	6	1	19	0	Itaewon clubs (2), Geochang Church (10), Geochang Woongyang-myeon (8), Wings Tower (10), etc.
Jeju	14	8	2	0	1	0	1	4	0	
Airport	521	521	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Total	11,225 (%)	1,218 (57.1)	8,959 (14.3)	5,212 (7.1)	2,354 (0.0)	1,235 (7.1)	158 (28.6)	1,048 (0.0)	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.



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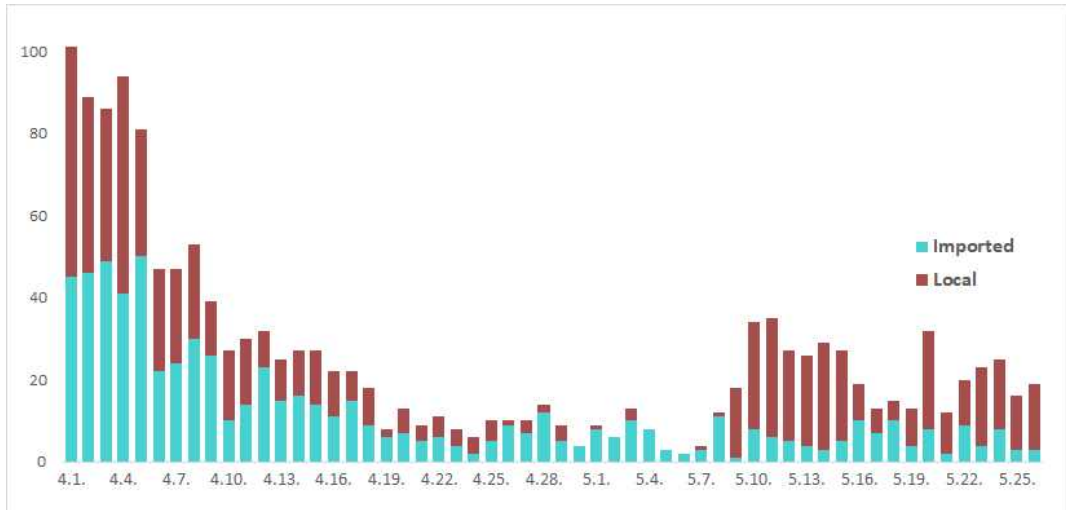
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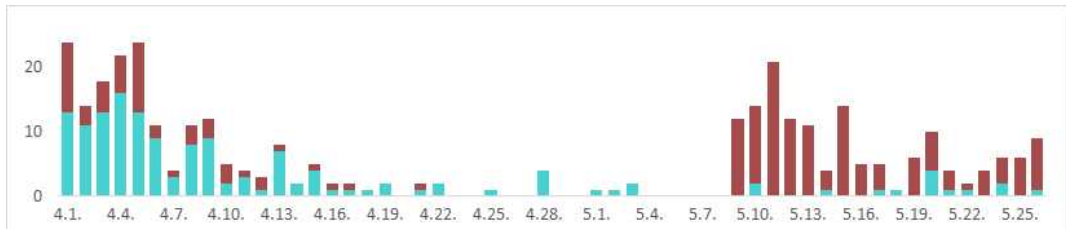
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[Figure 1: Daily new confirmed cases by chain of transmission]

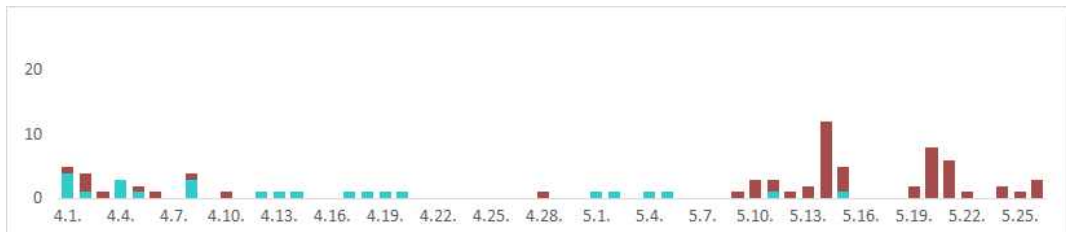
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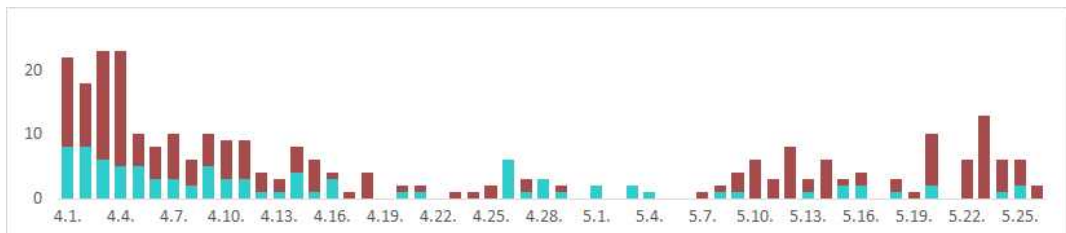
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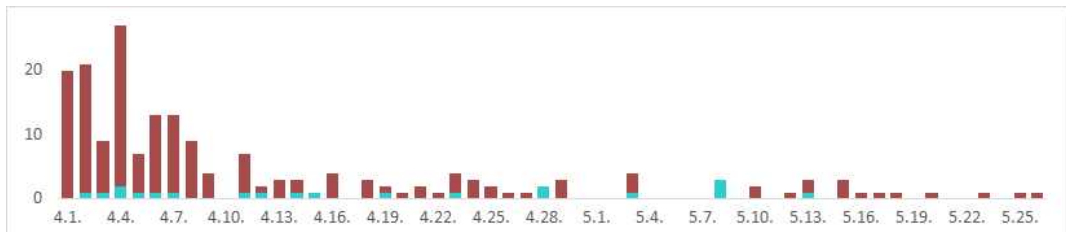
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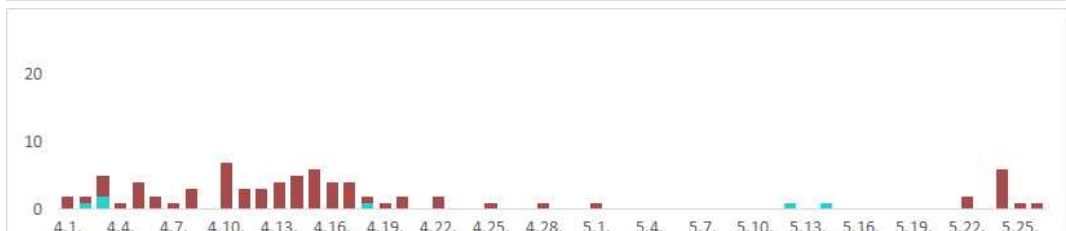
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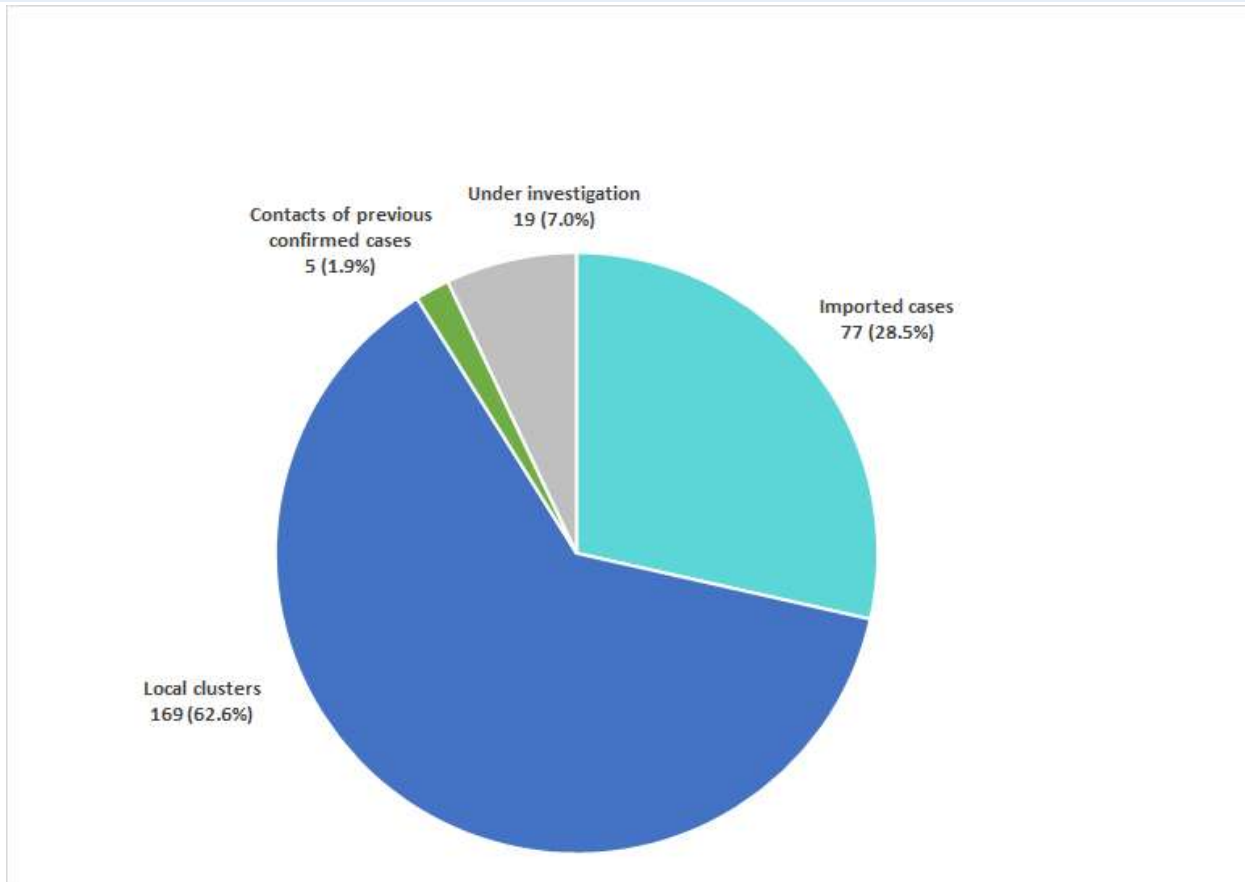




[Table 4: Age distribution of severe cases]

Age group	Total	Severe (%)	Very severe (%)
Total	12	4 (100.0)	8 (100.0)
80 and above	4	2 (50.0)	2 (25.0)
70-79	3	1 (25.0)	2 (25.0)
60-69	2	1 (25.0)	1 (12.5)
50-59	1	0 (0.0)	1 (12.5)
40-49	2	0 (0.0)	2 (25.0)
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)

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





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[Table 5: Public venues visited by confirmed COVID-19 cases]

Region	Type	Name and address	Date		Time
Seoul	Singing room	Gawang Coin Karaoke (Seoul Nowon-gu Dobong-ro 468 Hongik Building)	5/7	21:37~22:10	-
Seoul	Singing room	Byeolbyeol Coin Karaoke (Seoul Gwangak-gu Gwangak-ro 200)	5/4	20:35~21:19	-
Seoul	Singing room	Rock-Q Coin Karaoke (Seoul Mapo-gu Hongik-ro-6-gil 10)	5/6	15:23~16:16	-
			5/7	19:00~19:20	-
Seoul	Amusement facility	1943 Hongik Univ. Branch (Seoul Mapo-gu Jandari-ro 8-6)	5/7	19:30~21:30	17:00~05:00
		Hansin Pocha (Seoul Mapo-gu Jandari-ro 13)	5/7	21:50~23:20	17:00~07:00
Seoul	Amusement facility	Holics (Seoul Seocho-gu Seochodaero-77-gil 24)	5/9	20:00~00:11	16:00~06:00
Seoul	Singing room	SBS Singing Room (Seoul Seocho-gu Seochodaero-77-gil 31)	5/9	00:36~01:36	-
Seoul	Amusement facility	Akbari (Seoul Seocho-gu Seochodaero-77-gil 39)	5/10	01:50~03:42	-
Seoul	Restaurant	Illu Duck (Seoul Seongdong-gu Seongsuilro-8-gil 40)	5/11~5/21		11:00~23:00
Seoul	Other	Biblical Language Studies (Grace Methodist Church / Hwado Uri Church / Uijeongbu Jusarang Church: Uijeongbu-si Taepyeong-ro 212)	5/8, 5/15		-
Seoul	Amusement facility	Byeolbam Pocha (Seoul Yongsan-gu Hangangdaero-87-gil 7)	5/4	19:50~22:30	-
Daegu	Singing room	Ban Ban Coin Karaoke (Gongi ban sori ban) (Daegu Dalseo-gu Gyedaedongmun-ro 2, B1)	5/11	23:28~24:3	10:00~05:00
Daegu	Singing room	Tongtong Coin Singing Room (Daegu Jung-gu Dongseongro-2-gil 45)	5/12	17:40~17:55	11:00~01:00
Daegu	Cafe	Asura Balbalta (board game cafe) (Daegu Jung-gu Dongseongro-5-gil 53)	5/18	17:38~19:44	24시간
Daegu	Cafe	Golbang (comic book cafe) (Daegu Jung-gu Dongseongro-5-gil 53)	5/17	18:45~19:55	10:00~01:00
Daegu	Singing room	Rock-Q Coin Karaoke (Dongseongro No 2 Branch) (Daegu Jung-gu Dongseongro-6-gil 42)	5/18	21:00~21:37	11:00~06:00
Incheon	PC cafe	Jin PC Room (Incheon Michuhol-gu Dokbae-ro 311 Vision Plaza)	5/6	15:16~19:26	-
Incheon	Singing room	Top Coin Singing Room (Incheon Michuhol-gu Dokbae-ro 311 Vision Plaza)	5/6	20:00~21:00	-
Gyeonggi	Other	Fiesta 9 (Gyeonggi Gooyang-si Ilsanseo-gu Ilhyeong-ro 97-11 Ilsan Doosan We've The Zenith Square B2)	5/16	13:00	11:30~21:00
Gyeonggi	Other	Laon Party House (Gyeonggi Bucheon-si Buil-ro 223 B1)	5/9, 5/10, 5/17		11:30~19:00
Gyeonggi	Other	MERIT Night Club (Gyeonggi Bucheon-si Gilju-ro 125)	5/9~5/10	23:48~00:34	20:00~05:00
Gyeonggi	Amusement facility	Baobap (Bucheon Sangdong Branch) (Gyeonggi Bucheon-si Songnaedaero-2650-beongil 59)	5/10	00:44~02:03	15:00~05:00
Gyeonggi	Singing room	Junco Music Town (Bucheon Sangdong Branch) (Gyeonggi Bucheon-si Giljuro 121-beongil 18-3)	5/10	02:09~03:55	18:00~09:00
Gyeonggi	Amusement facility	Jakuwa (Gyeonggi Anyang-si Manan-gu Jangnaero 1430-beongil 15)	5/14	18:00~23:30	17:00~08:00
			5/15	19:00~23:40	
			5/17	18:00~22:00	
Gyeonggi	Other	Music Home Orchestra (Gyeonggi Yongin-si Giheung-gu Guseong-ro 357 Bldg B Floor 2)	5/19		-
Gyeongbuk	Other	Saemaeul Jungang Market 91st stand (selling cheonggukjang) (Gyeongbuk Gumi-si Gumijungangro-9-gil 11)	5/18~5/22		07:00~18:00
Gyeongbuk	Other	Saemaeul Jungang Market 42nd stand (selling vegetables) (Gyeongbuk Gumi-si Gumijungangro-9-gil 11)	5/18~5/22		07:00~18:00
Gyeonggi	Bath house	Daeyang Hot Springs Land (Gyeonggi-do Bucheon-si Gilju-ro 115)	5/17	09:03~13:47	-
			5/20	11:06~12:41	