

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

4 May 2020

O As of 0:00, 4 April 2020, a total of 10,801 cases (including 1,099 imported cases) have been confirmed, of which 9,217 cases (85.3%) have been discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 8 in total.

[Table 1. Total confirmed and suspected cases]

			Tested p	ositive				
Period (since 3 Jan)	Total	Confirmed	ped Discharged Industrial Under Isolation Isolation		Deceased	Being tested	Tested negative	
As of 0:00 3 May (Sun)	630,973	10,793	9,183	1,360	250	8,588	611,592	
As of 0:00 4 May (Mon)	633,921	10,801	9,217	1,332	252	8,176	614,944	
Difference	(+)2,948	(+)8	(+)34	(-)28	(+)2	(-)412	(+)3,352	

[Table 2. Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 4 May 2020)]

	Region/Country						Where o	onfirmed	Nationality		
	Total	China	Asia ex-China	Europe	Americas	Africa	Australia	Point of Entry	Community	Korean	Other
New	8	0	5	0	3	0	0	4	4	8	0
Total	1,099	19	139	461	476	3	1	462	637	995	104
iotai	1,099	(1.7%)	(12.6%)	(41.9%)	(43.3%)	(0.3%)	(0.1%)	(42.0%)	(58.0%)	(90.5%)	(9.5%)

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

- O Based on recent situations in relation to COVID-19 outbreak and response and discussions in Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters presided by the Prime Minister, the Korean Government has decided that Korea will transition into "Distancing in Daily Life" policy/campaign on 6 May.
- O Noting that COVID-19 outbreak is not likely to end within a short period of time and is expected to prolong globally, KCDC asked the public to follow the "5 Everyday Infection Prevention Rules for Everyone" with a sense of responsibility.
- (1) Stay home for 3-4 days if you're 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. Disinfect regularly.
- (5) Keep in touch with family and friends even during physical distancing.
- O KCDC also provided 4 supplementary guidance for daily infection prevention. (Summary below)
- (1) Mask wearing (Proper mask wearing practices/methods)
- (2) Disinfection (How to disinfect homes/offices)
- (3) Guidance for the elderly and high-risk population (What to do when leaving home or under stress)
- (4) Healthy lifestyle habits (Regular exercise, regular health checkup, balanced diet, mental health)



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O Since facemasks are effective at helping to prevent viral transmission through respiratory droplets, Korea has decided to recommend mask wearing for everyone in any of the following situations:

- People with respiratory symptoms
- Caring for COVID-19 suspected patients
- Visiting hospitals, clinics, pharmacy, or care facilities for the elderly or disabled
- People whose work environment puts them come in contact with many people
- Using public transit or other indoor spaces that are not well-ventilated and used by many people with possibility of close contact
- Using indoor publicly used venues
- Outdoor environment where it is difficult to keep 2-meter distance from other people

O KCDC stressed that the new "Distancing in Daily Life" policy should not be interpreted as signaling a return to life before the pandemic but rather as entering a "new normal" in which infection prevention practices become a part of everyday life including social and economic activities for everyone.

- KCDC also noted the possibility that a return to Enhanced Social Distancing may be required if situation becomes worse in the future.
- KCDC urged everyone to work together to keep COVID-19 away by practicing distancing measures in their everyday life.



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

				Co	nfirmed o	cases				
	Clusters									
Region	Total	Imported cases	Sub- total	Shin- cheonji	Other clusters	Contacts of confirmed cases	Imported cases	Other*	New cases	Other major clusters
Seoul	637	257	357	8	264	16	69	23	0	Guro-gu call center (98), Dong-an Church-PC Cafe (20), Manmin Central Church (41), etc.
Busan	138	25	84	12	53	18	1	29	0	Onchun Church (39), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), etc.
Daegu	6,856	21	6,116	4,510	677	925	4	719	0	Second Mi-Ju Hospital (196), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (128), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (100), Fatima Hospital (37), etc.
Incheon	96	44	48	2	34	5	7	4	1	Guro-gu call center (20), etc.
Gwangju	30	14	16	9	0	1	6	0	0	
Daejeon	40	10	21	2	11	8	0	9	0	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.
Ulsan	44	13	24	16	2	3	3	7	1	
Sejong	46	3	42	1	38	3	0	1	0	Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (30), gym facilities (8)
Gyeonggi	681	168	470	29	327	52	62	43	1	Grace River Church in Seongnam (72), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), Uijeongbu St.
Gangwon	53	14	32	17	15	0	0	7	0	Mary's Hospital (50), etc.  Apartments in Wonju City (3), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (10), etc.
Chung- buk	45	5	32	6	18	6	2	8	0	Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11)
Chung- nam	143	13	120	0	118	1	1	10	0	Gym facilities in Cheonan (103), research center in Seosan (9), etc.
Jeonbuk	18	9	4	1	3	0	0	5	0	
Jeonnam	16	8	5	1	1	2	1	3	1	
Gyeong- buk	1,366	11	1,224	566	466	192	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.
Gyeong- nam	117	14	85	32	46	6	1	18	0	Geochang Church (10), Geochang Woongyang-myeon (8), Wings Tower (10), etc.
Jeju	13	8	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	
Airport	462	462 1,099	0 8,681	0 5,212	2,073	0 1,238	0 158	0 1,021	4	
Total	10,801	(10.2)	(80.4)	(48.3)	(19.2)	(11.5)	(1.5)	(9.5)		

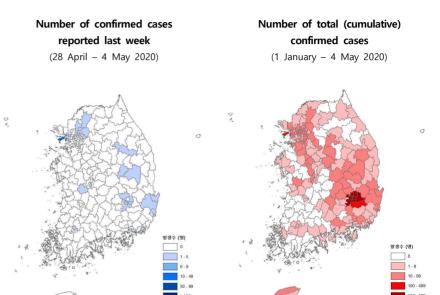
<sup>\*</sup> Not classified into a cluster or under investigation



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



[Table 4: Age distribution of severe cases]

Age group	Total	Severe	(	%	)	Very severe	(	%	)
Total	27	5	(	100.0	)	22	(	100.0	)
80 or above	7	1	٠,	20.0	)	6	(	27.2	)
70-79	12	3	(	60.0	)	9	(	40.9	)
60-69	4	0	(	0.0	)	4	(	18.2	)
50-59	2	1	(	20.0	)	1	(	4.5	)
40-49	2	0	(	0.0	)	2	(	9.1	)
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	)

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



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[Table 5: COVID-19 cases under long-term (43 days or more) isolation as of 0:00, 1 May 2020]

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		Total	Under isolation	( % )	Discharged om isolation	( %
	Total	1,035	324	( 100.0 )	711	( 100.0
Sex	Male	374	117	( 36.1 )	257	( 36.1
	Female	661	207	( 63.9 )	454	( 63.9
Age	80 or above	94	57	( 17.6 )	37	( 5.2
	70-79	110	47	( 14.5 )	63	( 8.9
	60-69	156	38	( 11.7 )	118	( 16.6
	50-59	183	48	( 14.8 )	135	( 19.0
	40-49	118	28	( 8.6 )	90	( 12.7
	30-39	80	22	( 6.8 )	58	( 8.2
	20-29	243	64	( 19.8 )	179	( 25.2
	10-19	44	15	( 4.6 )	29	( 4.1
	0-9	7	5	( 1.5 )	2	( 0.3
Severity	Critical	47	30	( 9.3 )	17	( 2.4
	Severe	28	10	( 3.1 )	18	( 2.5
	Mild or Asymptomatic	960	284	( 87.7 )	676	( 95.1

Note: Severity is based on the highest severity level of the patient during the entire period of isolation, not the current status of the patient.

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

