

Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

6 May 2020

O As of 0:00, 6 May 2020, a total of 10,806 cases (including 1,104 imported cases) have been confirmed, of which 9,333 cases (86.4%) have been discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 2 in total.

[Table 1. Total reported/tested cases]

			PCR-tested	positive				
Period (since 3 Jan)	Total	Confirmed	Discharged from isolation	Under isolation	Deceased	Awaiting test result	Tested negative	
As of 0:00 5 May (Tues)	640,237	10,804	9,283	1,267	254	8,858	620,575	
As of 0:00 6 May (Wed)	643,095	10,806	9,333	1,218	255	8,009	624,280	
Difference	(+)2,858	(+)2	(+)50	(-)49	(+)1	(-)849	(+)3,705	

[Table 2. Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 6 May 2020)]

				Region	/Country	Where o	onfirmed	Nationality			
	Total	China	Asia ex-China	Europe	Americas	Africa	Australia	Point of Entry	Community	Korean	Other
New	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Total	otal 1,104	19	142	462	477	3	1	466	638	999	105
Total	1,104	(1.7%)	(12.9%)	(41.8%)	(43.2%)	(0.3%)	(0.1%)	(42.2%)	(57.8%)	(90.5%)	(9.5%)

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

- O The 2 new confirmed cases are both imported cases from Kuwait.
- O In light of the 6 recent imported cases from Kuwait within the last 4 days, stronger screening measures for incoming travelers from Kuwait have been implemented at Incheon Airport Quarantine Station.
- Domestic companies that have employees working in Kuwait have been advised to implement infectious disease prevention and control measures for their workers, in light of the growing local risk of infection in the country.
- Starting 3 May, all inbound traveleres who worked in the same place of business as the confirmed cases are required to be tested regardless of symptoms at point of entry.
- Kuwait statistics: 5,804 cumulative cases, 40 cumulative deaths (WHO EMRO)
- O KCDC stressed that the new "Distancing in Daily Life" policy/campaign starting today should not be interpreted as implying a return to "normalcy" as before the outbreak but rather as an effort to achieve both infectious disease prevention/control and everyday life.



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- O KCDC asked people to follow the "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 even while maintaining physical distancing.
- O The elderly (65 y/o or older) and other high-risk groups should also:
- (1) Remember to take medications for existing chronic illnesses.
- (2) Stay home.
- (3) Call public health center and visit screening clinic when sick.
- (4) Stay away from any enclosed/crowded space that makes it difficult to keep 2 meters of distance from other people.
- (5) Stay in touch with loved ones on a regular basis.
- O Those who have respiratory symptoms or feel sick should refrain from visiting the elderly or other people in high-risk groups.
- O For effective infectious disease prevention at community level, each community should ensure the following:
- (1) All members should work on infection prevention/control together as a community.
- (2) Designate an infectious disease prevention/control manager within the community.
- (3) Create and follow community guidelines for infectious disease prevention and control.
- (4) The infectious disease prevention/control manager should be proactive in carrying out the role.
- (5) Community members should actively cooperate with the infectious disease prevention/control manager.
- O KCDC again stressed that the transition to "Distancing in Daily Life" does not indicate easing of infectious disease control/prevention measures nor an end of social distancing.
- Noting 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.
- O In light of the recent long holiday weekend during which a lot of traveling and social gathering took place, KCDC reminded the public to stay home and not go to work if having fever or respiratory symptoms and to call the KCDC call center (1339 or area code + 120) or contact a local public health center if having prolonging fever or aggravating respiratory symptoms.
- KCDC urged people to visit a screening center to get tested especially if two or more persons within a household unit or travel group unit develop COVID-19 suspected symptoms.



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

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Region		Importe d cases	Clusters Contacts							045
riogion	Total		Sub- total	Shin- cheonji	Other clusters	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	679	923	4	719	0	Second Mi-Ju Hospital (196), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (128), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (100), Fatima Hospital (37), etc.
Incheon	97	45	48	2	34	5	7	4	0	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	0	
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	0	Grace River Church in Seongnam (72), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (50), etc.
Gangwon	53	14	32	17	15	0	0	7	0	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	0	
Gyeong- buk	1,366	11	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.
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	466	466	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	_
Total	10,806	1,104 (%)	8,681 (10.2)	5,212 (80.3)	2,077 (48.2)	1,234 (19.2)	158 (11.4)	1,021 (1.5)	2	

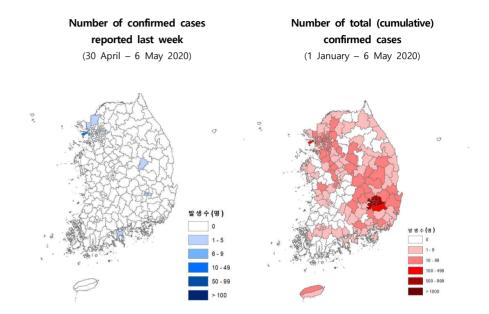
^{*} Not classified into a cluster or under investigation



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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	6	(100.0)	21	(100.0)
80 or above	8	2	(33.3)	6	(28.6)
70-79	11	3	(50.0)	8	(38.1)
60-69	4	0	(0.0)	4	(19.0)
50-59	2	1	(16.7)	1	(4.8)
40-49	2	0	(0.0)		(9.5)
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)

^{**} The interim classification is based on the reporting location, which may change depending on further epidemiological investigation.



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[Table 5: Cases tested positive after discharge]

	Total	(%)
Total	356	(100.0))
80 or above	28	(7.9)
70-79	22	(6.2)
60-69	38	(10.7)
50-59	59	(16.6)
40-49	48	(13.5)
30-39	49	(13.8)
20-29	87	(24.4)
10-19	18	(5.1)
0-9	7	(2.0)

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

