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Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

19 April 2020

○ As of 0:00, 19 April 2020, a total of 10,661 cases (including 998 imported cases) have been confirmed, of which 8,042 cases (75.4%) have been discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 8 in total.

[Table 1. Total confirmed and suspected cases]

Period (since 3 Jan)	Total	Tested positive (RT-PCR)				Being tested	Tested negative
		Confirmed	Discharged from isolation	Under isolation	Deceased		
As of 0:00 18 April (Sat)	554,834	10,653	7,937	2,484	232	13,550	530,631
As of 0:00 19 April (Sun)	559,109	10,661	8,042	2,385	234	12,243	536,205
Difference	(+)4,275	(+)8	(+)105	(-)99	(+)2	(-)1,307	(+)5,574

[Table 2. Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 19 April 2020)]

	Total	Region/Country						Where confirmed		Nationality	
		China	Asia ex-China	Europe	Americas	Africa	Australia	Point of Entry	Community	Korean	Other
New	5	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	3	5	0
Total	998	16 (1.6%)	108 (10.8%)	439 (44.0%)	431 (43.2%)	3 (0.3%)	1 (0.1%)	414 (41.5%)	584 (58.5%)	915 (91.7%)	83 (8.3%)

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

○ Epidemiological links have been found for 81.1% of the total cases; 9.6% are either under investigation or sporadic cases. More details on the epidemiological links within each province or city are shown in Table 3.

○ From Yecheon-gun, Gyeongbuk Province, 1 additional cases were confirmed during contact investigation. In total, 35 cases (including 2 in Andong City and 1 in Mungyeong City) have been confirmed since 9 April.

○ 3 military trainees who are confirmed from Nonsan Korean Army Training Center in Chung-nam Province are part of Shin-cheonji. 1 case tested positive again after discharge from isolation and for other 2 cases, they test negative during quarantine period. Further epidemiological investigation is underway.

○ According to a survey people are concerned about going back to the normal life which will involve massive close contacts after termination of enhanced social distancing measures, due to the shock and lessons learnt from last February and March.



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- A survey of 1,000 people conducted by a team from Seoul National University highlighted that 65.6% of the response said 'yes' to a question of; "The risk of infection will increase to my family and I if we go back to our everyday routine such as going to work or school after termination of enhanced social distancing measures" ('No' was 10.4%).
- On the other hand, 72.1% said 'yes' to a question asking their willingness to accept the 'new normal life' which is embracing social distancing in daily lives.
- When they were asked about areas to improve in order to create an environment that incorporates routine life and social distancing, 32.9% answered; "cultivating social norm and culture that promotes social distancing as part of our everyday routine" was important. In addition, 24.9% also stated the systematic provision which allows people to "stay at home when they are sick" was important .

○ KCDC stated that although the number of confirmed cases are recently declining, this is due to social distancing efforts up to previous week. Therefore KCDC is keeping a close eye on possible cases that may occur in the upcoming week due to the recent events such as general election and Easter Sunday celebration.

○ KCDC stressed that since there are still unknown sporadic cases in the community and pandemic is ongoing overseas, we still need to be on guard.

○ KCDC urged everyone to continue to follow social distancing and personal hygiene guidelines since COVID-19 can spread rapidly through close contacts, especially indoors, without being aware of the infection.

- KCDC stressed that the most important and effective measures against COVID-19 are to reduce contacts with other people as much as possible, wash hands thoroughly, and go to a screening clinic to get tested if any suspected symptoms occur.
- People who cannot avoid visiting an enclosed/crowded place should keep at least 2 meters of distance from others, wear a facemask, and maintain hand hygiene by washing hands or using hand sanitizers.
- KCDC urged young people to avoid enclosed spaces such as nightclubs, bars, and cafes and to refrain from social gatherings that may involve close contacts with other people.

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 **Stay 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.**
- ⑤ Wash your hands, cover up your sneezes/coughs, and generally **maintain strict personal hygiene.**
- ⑥ **Disinfect and ventilate** your space every day.



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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	Small clusters	Contacts of confirmed cases	Imported cases			
Seoul	624	243	359	8	262	18	71	22	2	Guro-gu call center (98), Dong-an Church-PC Cafe (20), Manmin Central Church (41), etc.
Busan	130	20	81	12	50	18	1	29	0	Onchun Church (39), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), etc.
Daegu	6,832	17	6,094	4,510	659	921	4	721	2	Second Mi-Ju Hospital (195), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (127), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (100), Fatima Hospital (36), etc.
Incheon	91	40	47	2	34	5	6	4	1	Guro-gu call center (20), etc.
Gwangju	30	14	16	9	0	1	6	0	0	
Daejeon	39	9	21	2	11	8	0	9	0	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.
Ulsan	42	11	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	654	150	463	29	317	55	62	41	0	Grace River Church in Seongnam (72), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (48), etc.
Gangwon	53	14	32	17	15	0	0	7	0	Apartments in Wonju City (3), Euijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (10), etc.
Chungbuk	45	5	32	6	18	6	2	8	0	Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11)
Chungnam	141	11	120	0	118	1	1	10	0	Gym facilities in Cheonan (103), research center in Seosan (9), etc.
Jeonbuk	17	8	4	1	3	0	0	5	0	
Jeonnam	15	7	7	1	3	2	1	1	0	Manmin Central Church (2)
Gyeongbuk	1,359	10	1,216	566	458	191	1	133	1	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (120), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (68), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Gyeongsan Seo Convalescent Hospital (66), Yechun-gun (35) , etc.
Gyeongnam	116	14	84	32	45	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	414	414	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Total	10,661	998 (9.3)	8,643 (81.1)	5,212 (48.9)	2,032 (19.1)	1,239 (11.6)	160 (1.5)	1,020 (9.6)	8	

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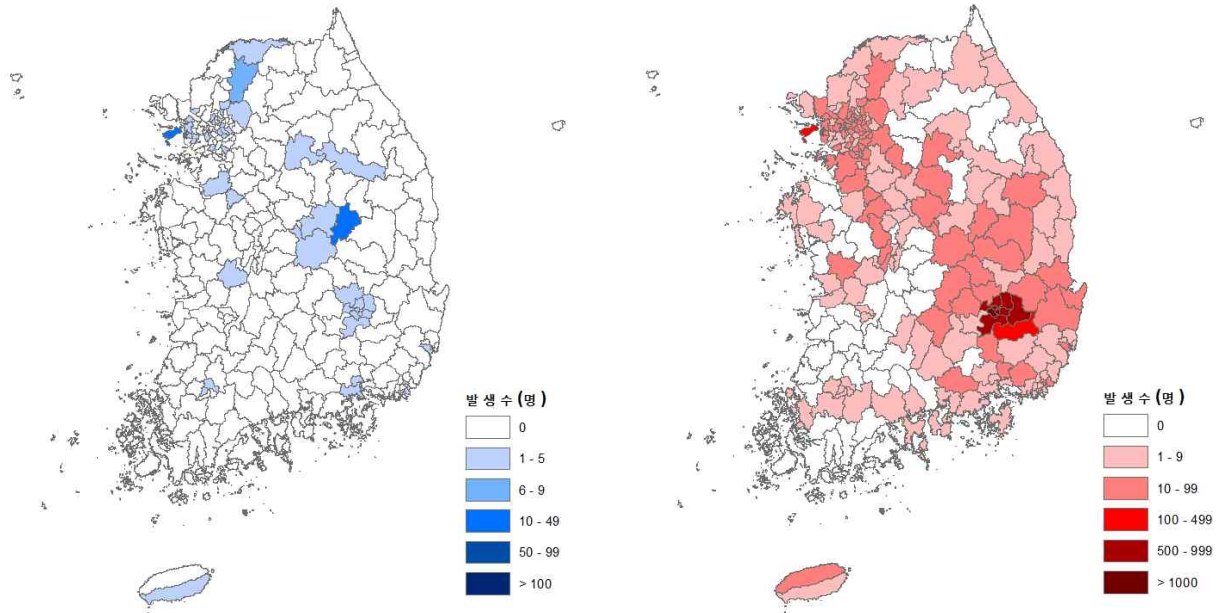
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[Figure 1: Distribution of confirmed cases based on location reported]

Number of confirmed cases reported last week
(12 – 18 April 2020)

Number of total (cumulative) confirmed cases
(1 January – 18 April 2020)



[Table 4: Age distribution of severe cases]

Age group	Total	Severe (%)	Very severe (%)
Total	57	22 (100.0)	35 (100.0)
80 and above	10	4 (18.2)	6 (17.1)
70-79	29	12 (54.5)	17 (48.6)
60-69	12	4 (18.2)	8 (22.9)
50-59	2	0 (0.0)	2 (5.7)
40-49	2	0 (0.0)	2 (5.7)
30-39	0	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
20-29	2	2 (9.1)	0 (0.0)
10-19	0	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
0-9	0	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)



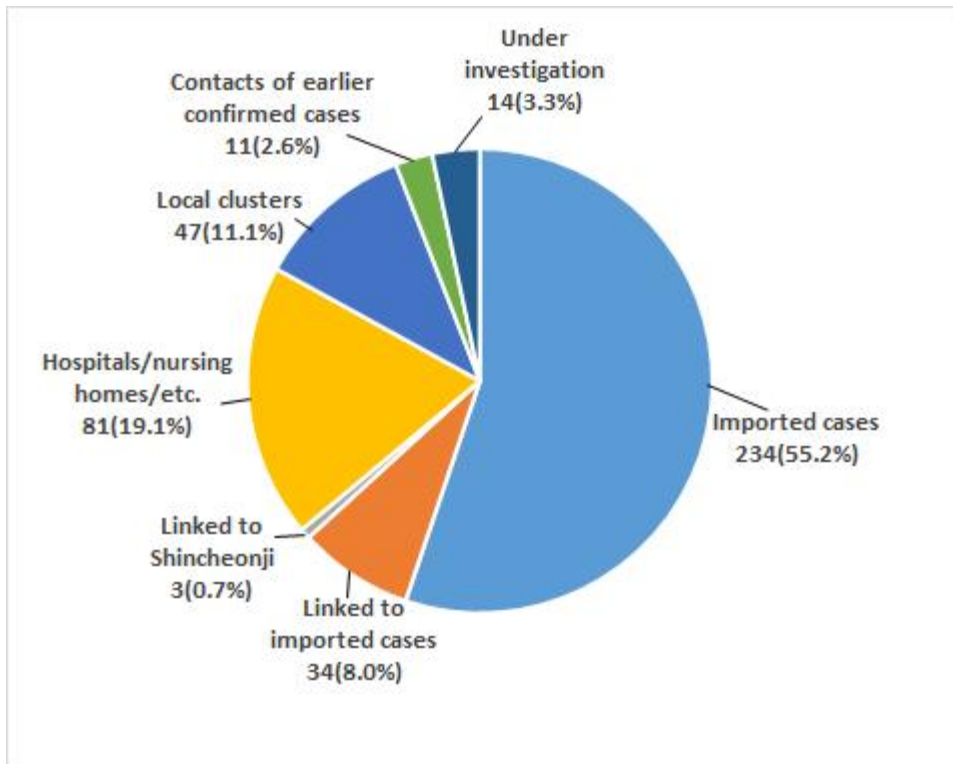
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[Figure 2: New cases (for last 2 weeks) by chain of transmission]



* Source: 424 cases that has been reported from 0:00 of 5 April to 0:00 of 19 April

[Table 5: Age distribution of cases that retested positive]

구분	계	(%)
Total (as of 0:00 of 19 April)	179	(100.0)
80 and above	16	(8.9)
70-79	7	(3.9)
60-69	20	(11.2)
50-59	32	(17.9)
40-49	25	(14.0)
30-39	27	(15.1)
20-29	41	(22.9)
10-19	6	(3.3)
Age 0-9	5	(2.8)