

Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

23 April 2020

O As of 0:00, 23 April 2020, a total of 10,702 cases (including 1,021 imported cases) have been confirmed, of which 8,411 cases (78.4%) 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	Discharged from isolation	Under isolation	Deceased	Being tested	Tested negative
As of 0:00 22 April (Wed)	577,959	10,694	8,277	2,179	238	12,121	555,144
As of 0:00 23 April (Thurs)	583,971	10,702	8,411	2,051	240	10,139	563,130
Difference	(+)6,012	(+)8	(+)134	(-)128	(+)2	(-)1,982	(+)7,986

[Table 2. Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 23 April 2020)]

				Region	/Country	Where o	onfirmed	Nationality			
	Total	China	Asia ex-China	Europe	Americas	Africa	Australia	Point of Entry	Community	Korean	Other
New	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Total	1,021	17	112	442	446	3	1	425	596	936	85
iotai	1,021	(1.7%)	(11.0%)	(43.3%)	(43.7%)	(0.3%)	(0.1%)	(41.6%)	(58.4%)	(91.7%)	(8.3%)

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

- O Epidemiological links have been found for 80.9% 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.
- O From Hanseong Internal Medicine Clinic in Pocheon City, Gyeonggi Province, 1 additional case (patient of the clinic) was confirmed from testing of all 84 patients and staff. In total, 7 cases (patients = 3; worker = 1; quardian/other contacts = 3) have been confirmed since 11 April.
- O From Hansarang Convalescent Hospital in Daegu City, 1 additional case (patient of the hospital) was confirmed from testing of all 51 persons (patients and staff) under cohort isolation. In total, 128 cases (patients = 100; workers = 26; other = 2) have been confirmed since 16 March.

(The figures in Table 3 are based on cases reported to KCDC before 0:00 of 23 April and may differ from above.)



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On 20 April, the inter-governmental support task force for development of COVID-19 treatment and vaccine launched a support center at Korea Health Industry Development Institute.

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- Infection prevention/control supplies and equipment: +82-2095-1723
- The task force will learn about various challenges through 1:1 consultation with relevant organizations and forward them to the working-level task force. It will also provide feedback on the decisions made by the working-level task force.
- O KCDC asked everyone to actively participate in and follow the current Social Distancing campaign/policy effective until 5 May.
- KCDC recommended that any facility that makes it easy for people to come in close contact with other people in an enclosed space should refrain from operating as much as possible. Such facilities that have to remain in operation should comply with infection prevention/control guidelines including checking for fever or respiratory symptoms and keeping a log of all users, requiring everyone to wear facemasks and keep distance from each other, and disinfecting and ventilating the space.
- KCDC stressed that reducing contact with other people as much as possible and maintaining personal hygiene are highly important to preventing COVID-19.
- 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 also stressed that people who have suspected COVID-19 symptoms should not go to work or leave home and should go to a screening center to be tested.
- O KCDC participated in the "Relay Support and Encouragement for Healthcare Workers" campaign called #ThanksToYouChallenge proposed by the Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters at KCDC Emergency Operation Center, expressing gratitude to healthcare workers and citizens for their contribution to Korea's COVID-19 response.
- O KCDC Director Dr. Jung Eun-Kyeong and KCDC staff practiced the sign language for "Respect" to remember the sacrificial dedication of healthcare workers in the frontlines who are fighting COVID-19 day and night for 3 months at the forefront.



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

	Confirmed cases									
	Clusters									
Region	Total	Imported cases	Sub- total	Shin- cheonji	Other clusters	Contacts of confirmed cases	Imported cases			Other major clusters
Seoul	628	247	357	8	262	18	69	24	0	Guro-gu call center (98), Dong-an Church-PC Cafe (20), Manmin Central Church (41), etc.
Busan	135	22	84	12	53	18	1	29	1	Onchun Church (39), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), etc.
Daegu	6,840	18	6,100	4,510	662	924	4	722	4	Second Mi-Ju Hospital (196), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (128), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (100), Fatima Hospital (37), etc.
Incheon	92	41	47	2	34	5	6	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		9	0	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.
Ulsan	43	12	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	659	152	466	29	320	55	62	41	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	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)
Gyeong- buk	1,363	10	1,219	566	461	192	0	134	0	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (120), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (68), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Gyeongsan Seo Convalescent Hospital (66), Yecheon-gun (38), 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	425	425	0 8,657	0	2.045	0 1243	0 157	0	2	
Total	10,702	1,021 (9.5)	(80.9)	5,212 (48.7)	2,045 (19.1)	(11.6)	(1.5)	1,024 (9.6)	8	

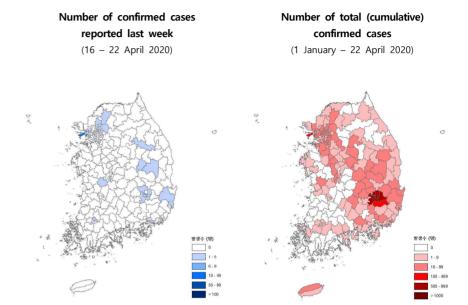
^{*} Not classified into a cluster or under investigation



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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	49	17	(100.0)	32	(100.0)
80 or above	9	4	(23.5)	5	(15.6)
70-79	20	4	(23.5)	16	(50.0)
60-69	13	6	(35.3)	7	(21.9)
50-59	3	1	(5.9)	2	(6.3)
40-49	2	0	(0.0)	2	(6.3)
30-39	0	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
20-29	2	2	(11.8)	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: Distribution of cases that retested positive]

Age group	Total	(%)
Total	222	(100.0)
80 or above	19	(8.6)
70-79	9	(4.1)
60-69	23	(10.4)
50-59	35	(15.8)
40-49	32	(14.4)
30-39	34	(15.3)
20-29	54	(24.3)
10-19	11	(5.0)
0-9	5	(2.3)

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

