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24 August 2020

- As of 0:00, 24 August 2020, the total number of confirmed cases is 17,665 (including 2,734 imported cases), of which 14,219 cases have been discharged from isolation. There are 258 new local cases, 8 new imported cases, and 0 new deaths.

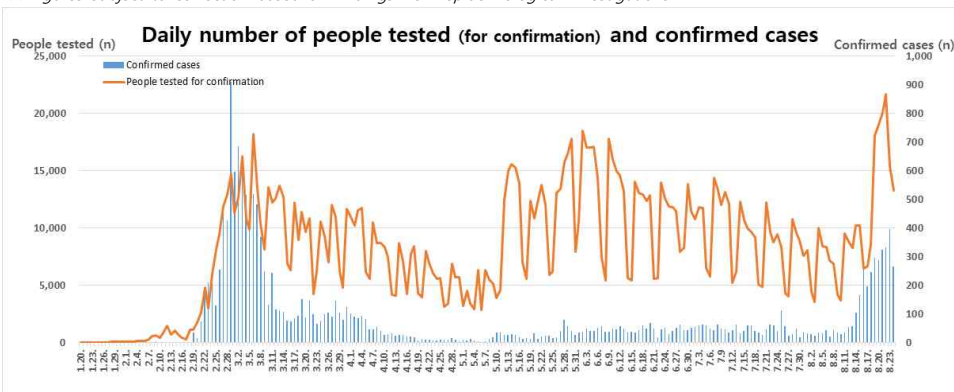
Overall case and test status, as of 0:00, 24 August (cumulative since 3 January 2020)

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 23 August (Sun)	1,791,186	17,399	14,200	2,890	309	47,564	1,726,223
As of 0:00 24 August (Mon)	1,804,422	17,665	14,219	3,137	309	47,995	1,738,762
Difference	13,236	266	19	247	0	431	12,539

* Based on case data reported to the KCDC

** Testing in progress includes number of completed tests with negative results that are being recorded with delays

※ Figures subject to correction based on findings from epidemiological investigations



- Major local clusters as of 12:00 today (24 August):

* The specific figures below may differ from the daily reported statistics or figures disclosed by local municipalities due to factors such as report timing and differences in the time period considered

- Related to Sarang Jeil Church in Seongbuk-gu, Seoul City, 34 additional cases were confirmed from contact investigation. In total, 875 cases have been confirmed.
 - 822 cases total in capital area (Seoul, Incheon, and Gyeonggi)
 - 53 cases total in other areas (Busan, Daegu, Daejeon, Gangwon, Chungbuk, Chungnam, Jeonbuk, Gyeongbuk)
 - To date, 115 confirmed cases of further transmissions from Sarang Jeil Church have been found related to 21 venues. Transmission is likely ongoing. Epidemiological investigation is underway of 186 facilities to prevent further transmission.



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- Related to August 15 Gwanghwamun rally, 40 additional cases were confirmed from investigation. In total, 176 cases have been confirmed.
 - Cases with no relation to Sarang Jeil Church found according to basic investigation; may change with new findings in further investigation
- Related to Yoido Full Gospel Church in Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul City, 6 additional cases were confirmed. In total, 41 cases have been confirmed.
- Related to Woori Jeil Church in Yongin-si, Gyeonggi Province, 2 additional cases were confirmed while under self-quarantine. In total, 182 cases have been confirmed.
- Related to Galilee Church in Bupyeong-gu, Incheon City, 6 additional cases were confirmed from contact investigation. In total, 38 cases have been confirmed.
- Related to Soonchunhyang University Cheonan Hospital in Cheonan city, Chungnam Province, first case was confirmed on 22 August and 9 additional cases were confirmed. In total, 10 cases have been confirmed.
- The HomePlus food court cluster from Suncheon-si, Jeonnam Province has been found to be linked to Muhan 9roup in Gwangak-gu, Seoul City. The clusters have been reclassified. Since the first case on 20 August, 24 additional cases were confirmed from contact investigation. In total, 25 cases have been confirmed.
 - HomePlus food court index case visited Muhan 9roup business information seminar.
- As of 0:00, 24 August, there were 8 imported cases, of which 4 were confirmed at the point of entry, and 4 were confirmed in the community while in mandatory self-quarantine after arrival. 3 were Korean nationals and 5 foreign nationals.
 - Infection acquisition location (presumed):
 - Asia excluding China: Russia 3, Bangladesh 1, India 1
 - Europe: Ukraine 2
 - Americas : US 1
- Last two weeks' COVID-19 statistics:
 - Average daily new cases increased by over 13-fold
 - The greater capital region (Seoul, Incheon, Gyeonggi) account for a high percentage of cases
 - Average daily new imported cases decreased by 9.5 cases
 - Number of local clusters rose by more than threefold
 - Percentage of cases with unknown chain of transmission increased by 18.5%
 - Percentage of elderly cases (60 or older) increased
 - Percentage of severe/critical cases also increased



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	7.26 ~ 8.8.	⇒	8.9. ~ 8.22.
Average daily new local cases	12.0		162.1
Seoul, Incheon, Gyeonggi	10.2		136.7
Average daily new imported cases	21.6		12.1
Local clusters (new)	9		30
Unknown chain of transmission	8.3% (39/470)		18.5% (451/2440)
Under management (Confirmed while under self-quarantine)	Above 80%		Below 80%
New cases aged 20-39	35.9%		25.2%
New cases aged 60 or above	20.7%		31.7%
Daily average severe/critical cases	14.1		14.8

- Recently, the mass infections in the capital region (related to religious facilities, rallies, door-to-door sales, etc) are spreading to various places including restaurants, cafes, public venues, and workplaces nationwide.
- KCDC requests municipal governments to ensure social distancing compliance through active inspection and management and asks the public to follow infection prevention guidelines.
 - Churches need to switch all services to non-face-to-face services and should not host face-to-face gatherings or meals.
 - Publicly used facilities need to ventilate frequently and ensure that all staff and users wear masks while indoors at all times
 - At healthcare facilities (including convalescent hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, dialysis hospitals) and social welfare facilities used by high-risk groups likely to develop severe symptoms if infected,
 - ▲ Staff members need to avoid attending social gathering
 - ▲ Test people who show symptoms as soon as possible
 - ▲ Disallow visitations
 - ▲ Follow infection prevention guidelines including mask wearing
 - Door-to-door sales businesses, which are high-risk facilities, need to comply with the gathering ban.
 - Middle aged and elderly people should avoid business seminars or events related to door-to-door sales or virtual currency
 - People who received a text message from KCDC regarding the August 15 rally need to get tested as soon as possible regardless of which rally they attended or whether they have symptoms
 - Even if test result is negative, avoid going out or contacting other people for 14 days and get tested again as soon as possible if symptoms develop
- Social Distancing level raised to Level 2 has been extended to the whole nation effective today. Follow the guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19.



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Public Guidance for Level 2 Social Distancing

- ① Do not go to work if feeling sick
 - Call KCDC call center by dialing 1339 or contact local public health center or screening clinic
- ② Postpone or cancel non-essential outings, social gatherings, events, or travel
 - Essential travel includes getting medical care, buying necessities, or to going to work
 - At restaurants or cafes, order takeout rather than dining in
 - Home training is recommended in place of going to gyms
 - For social activities, utilize PC or smartphones to have online meetings
 - Use online shopping over physical stores
- ③ If going out, wear mask and follow infection prevention guidelines
 - Do not visit crowded, confined, or close-contact places with poor ventilation
 - Wear mask indoors as well as outdoors whenever 2m distancing can't be maintained
 - Maintain physical distance from other people (2m recommended, 1m minimum)
 - No droplet-producing activities such as shouting, singing out loud, or chanting
 - No physical contact with others such as handshakes or hugs



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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL LINKS OF CONFIRMED CASES

Region	Confirmed cases									Other major clusters
	Total	Imported cases	Clusters				Other*	Under investigation	New cases	
			Sub-total	Shin-cheonji cluster	Other local clusters	Related to imported cases				
Seoul	2,986	378	1,894	8	1,815	71	292	422	97	<p>Large clusters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nightclubs (277) Richway (208) Guro-gu call center (170) Coupang fulfillment center (152) Gwangju door-to-door sales (150) Fitness/sport facility in Cheonan (123) Newly planted churches group (119) <p>Recent clusters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarang Jeil Church August 15 Gwanghwamun rally Gold Train / Yangpyeong-gun gathering Paju Starbucks Yoido Full Gospel Church Galilee Church Theater company San Anyang-si snack bar Busan National Mechanical Technical High School Prugio Preschool Jukjeon/Daejeo High Schools Dongsan Church Family in Busan Muhan 9group Kindergarten in Wonju Michuhol-gu Elderly Daycare Center Cheonan Hospital Athletic college prep classes Class reunion trip to Sokcho
Busan	262	44	158	12	124	22	30	30	3	
Daegu	6,978	66	5,243	4,512	727	4	927	742	0	
Incheon	543	85	394	2	384	8	28	36	20	
Gwangju	280	42	215	9	200	6	10	13	1	
Daejeon	215	22	115	2	113	0	46	32	10	
Ulsan	76	31	27	16	7	4	14	4	1	
Sejong	60	9	43	1	42	0	6	2	3	
Gyeonggi	2,612	480	1,662	29	1,567	66	235	235	85	
Gangwon	141	25	88	17	70	1	16	12	6	
Chungbuk	108	22	58	6	45	7	12	16	10	
Chungnam	262	42	186	0	185	1	16	18	8	
Jeonbuk	71	27	20	1	19	0	17	7	4	
Jeonnam	81	25	29	1	26	2	20	7	7	
Gyeongbuk	1,443	38	1,080	566	514	0	195	130	6	
Gyeongnam	197	61	97	32	63	2	21	18	1	
Jeju	28	15	7	0	6	1	6	0	0	
Ports of Entry	1,322	1,322	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Total	17,665 (%)	2,734 (15.5)	11,316 (64.1)	5,214 (29.5)	5,907 (33.4)	195 (1.1)	1,891 (10.7)	1,724 (9.8)	266	

* Includes contacts of confirmed cases
 ※ The interim classification is based on the reporting location, which may change depending on further epidemiological investigation.



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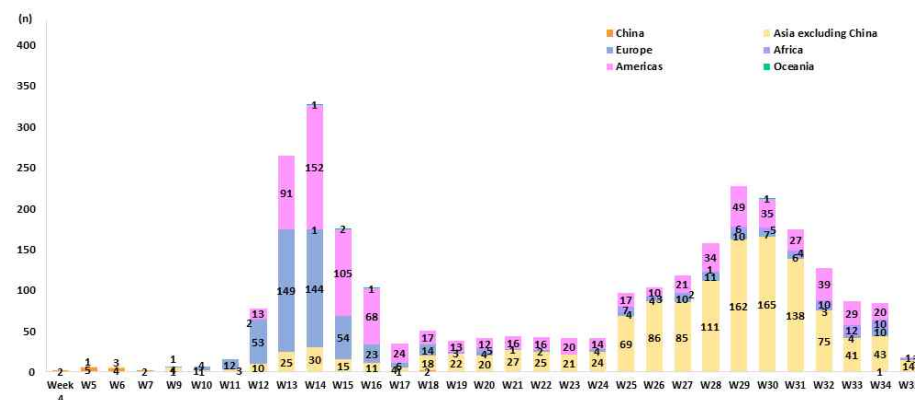
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AGE DISTRIBUTION OF SEVERE CASES

	8.11	8.12	8.13	8.14	8.15	8.16	8.17	8.18	8.19	8.20	8.21	8.22	8.23	8.24
Total	15	15	15	14	14	13	13	9	12	12	18	25	30	32
Severe	7	8	7	6	7	6	6	4	7	7	14	20	23	24
Very severe	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	5	5	5	4	5	7	8

	Total	Severe (%)	Very severe (%)
Total	32	24 (100)	8 (100)
80 and above	4	4 (16.7)	0 (0.0)
70-79	8	4 (16.7)	4 (50.0)
60-69	15	11 (45.8)	4 (50.0)
50-59	3	3 (12.5)	0 (0.0)
40-49	1	1 (4.2)	0 (0.0)
30-39	1	1 (4.2)	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)

IMPORTED CONFIRMED CASES





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NEW CASES (LAST 2 WEEKS) BY CHAIN OF TRANSMISSION

