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Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

27 August 2020

- As of 0:00, 27 August 2020, the total number of confirmed cases is 18,706 (including 2,770 imported cases), of which 14,461 cases have been discharged from isolation. There are 434 new local cases, 7 new imported cases, and 1 new death.

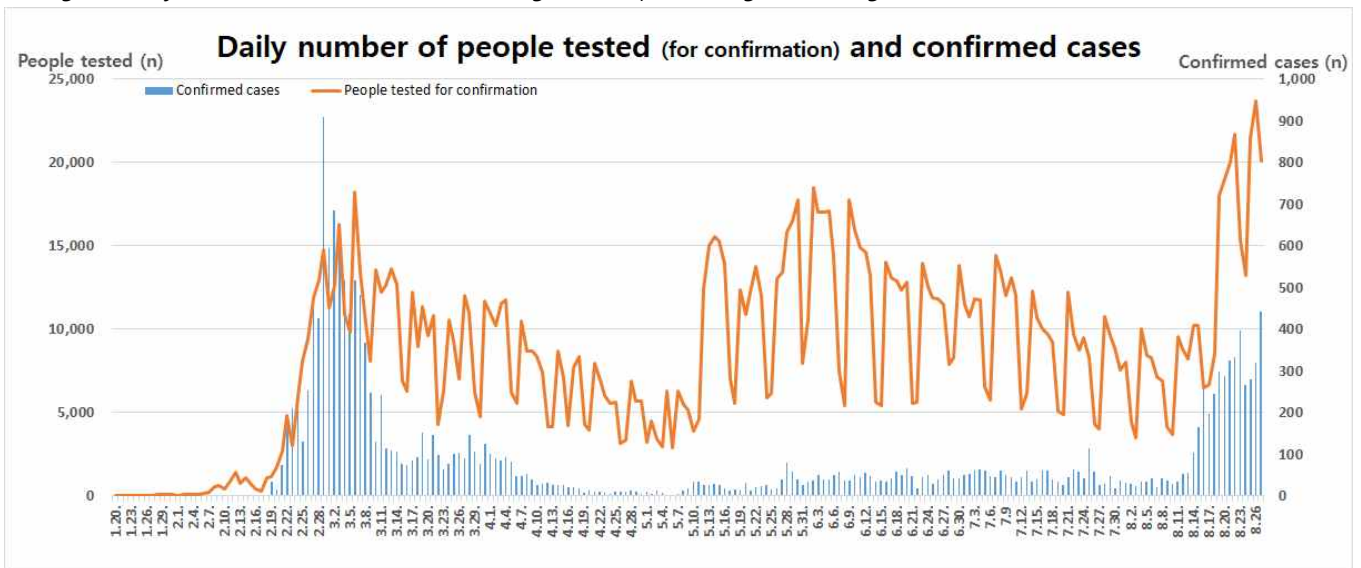
Overall case and test status, as of 0:00, 27 August (cumulative since 3 January 2020)

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 26 August (Wed)	1,849,506	18,265	14,368	3,585	312	52,795	1,778,446
As of 0:00 27 August (Thur)	1,869,579	18,706	14,461	3,932	313	52,041	1,798,832
Difference	20,073	441	93	347	1	-754	20,386

* 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 (27 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, 26 additional cases were confirmed from contact investigation. In total, 959 cases have been confirmed.
 - 893 cases total in capital area (Seoul, Incheon, and Gyeonggi)
 - 66 cases total in other areas (Busan, Daegu, Daejeon, Gangwon, Chungbuk, Chungnam, Jeonbuk, Gyeongbuk, Gyeongnam)
 - To date, 140 confirmed cases of further transmissions from Sarang Jeil Church have been found related to 23 venues. Transmission is likely ongoing. Epidemiological investigation is underway of 186 facilities to prevent further transmission.



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- Related to August 15 Seoul rally, 54 additional cases were confirmed from investigation. In total, 273 cases have been confirmed.
 - Not including cases with relation to Sarang Jeil Church found according to basic investigation; may change with new findings in further investigation
 - 161 cases total in capital area (Seoul, Incheon, and Gyeonggi)
 - 112 cases total in other areas (Busan, Daegu, Gwangju, Daejeon, Ulsan, Gangwon, Chungbuk, Chungnam, Gyeongbuk, Gyeongnam)
 - As more cases continue to be found related to the rallies, KCDC requests all who attended any rally in Seoul on 15 August to get tested regardless of symptoms as soon as possible.

- Related to Sungrim Baptist Church in Gwangju City, first case was confirmed on 24 August and 30 additional cases were confirmed from contact investigation. In total, 31 cases have been confirmed. Epidemiological investigation found that index case attended 15 August rally and had symptom onset on 17 August. Further transmission presumably occurred through church attendance, twice on 16 August and once on 19 August.

- Related to Muhan 9roup, 9 additional cases were confirmed from contact investigation including 9 in Suncheon-si, Jeonnam Province. In total, 56 cases have been confirmed.

- Related to an apartment complex in Guro-gu, Seoul City, first case was confirmed on 23 August. 22 additional cases were confirmed from investigation of family and workplace contacts. 5 additional cases were also found in the apartment complex that the family resides in. In total, 28 cases have been confirmed. Further investigation is underway.
 - Index case (1), index case's family (2), workplace contacts (20), index case's apartment complex (5)

- Related to a hair salon in Eunpyeong-gu, Seoul City, first case was confirmed on 22 August and 8 additional cases were confirmed from contact investigation. In total, 9 cases have been confirmed. Investigation is underway.

- Related to Lord's Church in Seo-gu, Incheon City, 6 additional cases were confirmed. In total, 36 cases have been confirmed.

- Related to a social gathering in Anyang-si and Gunpo-si of Gyeonggi Province, first case was confirmed on 20 August and 16 additional cases were confirmed from contact investigation. In total, 17 cases have been confirmed. Further investigation is underway.

- Related to a table tennis club in Gwangju City, first case was confirmed on 25 August and 11 additional cases were confirmed. In total, 12 cases have been confirmed from contact investigation. Further investigation is underway.



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- Related to an indoor fitness facility in Wonju-si, Gwangwon Province, 7 additional cases were confirmed while under self-quarantine. In total, 64 cases have been confirmed.
 - Upon in-depth investigation, epidemiological link was found between Myeongryun Elementary School Kindergarten teachers cluster and indoor fitness facility cluster. Cases in former Myeongryun Elementary School Kindergarten teachers cluster are now classified under Wonju-si indoor fitness facility cluster.

- Imported cases as of 0:00, 27 August:
 - 7 new imported cases
 - 3 were confirmed at the point of entry and 4 were confirmed in the community while in mandatory self-quarantine after arrival
 - 3 Korean nationals and 4 foreign nationals
 - Infection acquisition location (presumed):
 - Asia excluding China: Philippines 3, Kazakhstan 1, Indonesia 1
 - Americas : US 2

- Severe/critical cases and deaths:
 - Total 313 deaths (cumulative)
 - 305 (97.4%) had underlying medical conditions such as hypertension and diabetes
 - 156 (49.8%) were aged 80 or above
 - 94 (30%) were aged 70-79
 - 41 (13.1%) were aged 60-69
 - Case fatality rate:
 - 21.4% for those aged 80+
 - 7.05% for ages 70-79
 - 1.51% for ages 60-69
 - 46 severe/critical cases as of today
 - 37 (80.4%) are aged 60 or above
 - 6 (13%) are aged 50-59
 - 3 (6.5%) are aged 40-49
 - 12 with chain of transmission linked to Sarang Jeil Church

- Since elderly people aged 60 or above are more likely to develop severe symptoms if infected with COVID-19, KCDC advises the elderly to stay home as much as possible and wear a facemask at all times when leaving home and get tested as soon as possible if they notice any symptoms related to COVID-19 such as fever, cough, sore throat, and muscle pain.



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- KCDC has supplied remdesivir, specially imported for COVID-19 treatment, to 155 patients in 36 hospitals.
- Safety e-Report Sinmungo report examples:
 - A large number of people eating, sleeping, and praying together in a small space in a religious facility for an extended period of time (1 month) without proper mask wearing
 - A call center where dozens of workers were working in a confined space without masks on
- Mask wearing is effective at protecting both the wearer and others from COVID-19 transmission. KCDC reminds everyone to wear a mask outside whenever possible.

Guidance on proper mask wearing

- ▲ Wear mask when going out
- ▲ Mask should cover mouth and nose completely
- ▲ Do not touch mask surface with hands
- ▲ Keep mask on at all times except while eating or drinking

- Social Distancing Level 2 has been extended to the whole nation effective 24 August. KCDC reminds the public that compliance with infection prevention measures and participation in social distancing efforts is the most important to stopping the spread of COVID-19.

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 or outdoor exercising 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
 - Ensure mask covers mouth and nose completely and do not touch mask
 - Keep mask on except to drink or eat
 - 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	3,386	380	2,020	8	1,941	71	451	535	154	Large clusters: • 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) Recent clusters: • Sarang Jeil Church • August 15 Seoul rallies • Woori Jeil Church • Yoido Full Gospel Church • Muhan Group • Lord's Church • Real estate auction firm • Jukjeon/Daeji High Schools • Cheonan Hospital • Apartments in Guro-gu • Fubon Hyundai Call Center • Public baths in Busan • Wonju-si fitness facilities • Galilee Church • Theater company San • Nightlife venue in Gwangju • Hyundai Commercial / Daegu Suseong-gu family
Busan	277	44	167	12	104	51	34	32	8	
Daegu	6,999	68	5,257	4,512	741	4	931	743	13	
Incheon	644	85	446	2	436	8	58	55	59	
Gwangju	330	42	255	9	240	6	15	18	39	
Daejeon	236	23	115	2	113	0	63	35	3	
Ulsan	80	31	28	16	8	4	16	5	2	
Sejong	63	9	44	1	42	1	8	2	0	
Gyeonggi	2,884	497	1,734	29	1,639	66	345	308	102	
Gangwon	181	25	115	17	97	1	24	17	14	
Chungbuk	111	24	59	6	46	7	12	16	1	
Chungnam	298	42	200	0	199	1	26	30	15	
Jeonbuk	84	27	24	1	23	0	25	8	2	
Jeonnam	108	26	45	1	42	2	29	8	13	
Gyeongbuk	1,448	40	1,081	566	515	0	194	133	4	
Gyeongnam	212	61	109	32	75	2	25	17	8	
Jeju	34	15	7	0	6	1	10	2	1	
Ports of Entry	1,331	1,331	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Total	18,706 (%)	2,770 (14.8)	11,706 (62.6)	5,214 (27.9)	6,267 (33.5)	225 (1.2)	2,266 (12.1)	1,964 (10.5)	441	

* 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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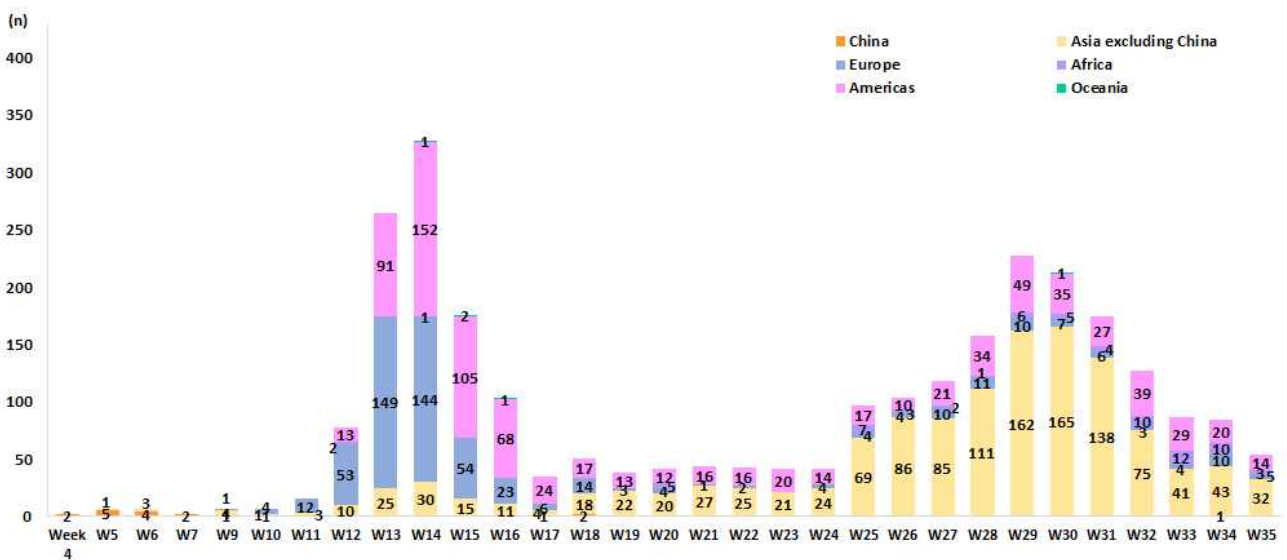
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AGE DISTRIBUTION OF SEVERE CASES

	8.14	8.15	8.16	8.17	8.18	8.19	8.20	8.21	8.22	8.23	8.24	8.25	8.26	8.27
Total	14	14	13	13	9	12	12	18	24	29	31	37	42	46
Severe	6	7	6	6	4	7	7	14	20	23	24	24	24	24
Very severe	8	7	7	7	5	5	5	4	4	6	7	13	18	22

	Total	Severe	(%)	Very severe	(%)
Total	46	24	(100)	22	(100)
80 and above	6	6	(25.0)	0	(0.0)
70-79	15	5	(20.8)	10	(45.5)
60-69	16	9	(37.5)	7	(31.8)
50-59	6	4	(16.7)	2	(9.1)
40-49	3	0	(0.0)	3	(13.6)
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)

IMPORTED CONFIRMED CASES





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NEW CASES (LAST 2 WEEKS) BY CHAIN OF TRANSMISSION

