

The Updates of COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

As of 29 February, 2020

O Compared to yesterday morning (09:00, 29 February, 2020), 909 additional cases are confirmed, which brings the total number of confirmed cases to 2,931 with 1,559 cases. 53,608 turned out to be negative and 29,154 are currently being tested.

Period (since 3 January)	Total	Confirmed cases				Suspected cases		
		Sub total	discharged	isolated	Deceased	Sub total	being tested	tested negative
As of 9:00, 28 Feb.	70,940	2,022	26	1,983	13	68,918	24,751	44,167
As of 9:00, 29 Feb.	85,693	2,931	27	2,888	16	82,762	29,154	53,608
Differences	+14,753	+909	+1	+905	+3**	+13,844	+4,403	+9,441

^{*} The 63th case, a Korean female born in 1968

O Including 990 newly confirmed cases, the total of 2,931 cases are classified by the regions as follows.

Regions	sub total	Shincheonji (Religious sect)	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital	n imported O		Newly confirmed**	Remarks	
Seoul	74	4	0	18	52	12	Eunpyeong St.Mary hospital, sporadic case related	
Busan	77	8	2	0	67	14	Onchun Church related	
Daegu	2055	1356	2	0	697	741	Mostly Shincheonji cluster. It is assume that others is also to be related to any cluster.	
Incheon	6	1	0	1	4	2	Under investigation	
Gwangju	9	7	0	1	1	0	No new cases for today	
Daejeon	14	0	0	0	14	2	Under investigation	
Ulsan	17	8	0	0	9	6	Under investigation except Shincheonji cluster	
Sejong	1	1	0	0	0	0	No new cases for today	
Gyeonggi	76	13	0	11	52	10	Sporadic cases	
Gangwon	7	3	0	0	4	1	No new cases for today	
Chungbuk	10	4	0	0	6	0	Under investigation	
Chungnam	48	0	0	0	48	32	Related to Cheonan health facilties	
Jeonbuk	5	0	0	1	4	0	Under investigation	
Jeonnam	2	0	0	1	1	1	No new cases for today	
Gyeongbuk	469	133	115	0	221	75	Daenam Hospital, Shincheonji, Travel history to Israel, Milal Shelter related	
Gyeongnam	59	19	0	0	40	13	Under investigation	
Jeju	2	0	0	0	2	0	No new cases for today	
Total	2,931	1557 53.1%	119 4.1%	33 1.1%	1222 41.7%	909		

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

^{** 3} deceased cases (Female born in 1950, Female born in 1926, Female born in 1957) in Daegu have occurred

^{**} Confirmed from 9:00, 28 February to 9:00 28 February

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



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- O Most of cases at 'special management area' are associated with Shinchenji Daegu religious sect. It is assuming that 1,356 cases in Daegu and 133 cases in Gyeongbuk are related to Shinchenji religious sect. KCDC will continue to conduct further investigation in cooperation with relevant local governments.
- O Among the Cheongdo Daenam hospital-related, 2 additional cases who were in quarantine are confirmed, which brings the total number of confirmed cases to 119. 24 out of 36 people who are in hospitalized and having a mild symptom got tested negative. 21 out of 29 who were transferred to the National center for Mental Health got tested negative as well.
- O KCDC said it is time to concentrate the medical resource and facilities on people with underlying diseases and senior citizens to minimize the deceased cases.

[The status of death cases]

no.	Region by report	Sex	Age	Underlying disease	Date of death	Note
1	Gyeongbuk	М	62	Mental disease	2.19	Cheongdo Daenam H.
2	Busan	F	54	Mental disease	2.21	Cheongdo Daenam H.
3	Gyeongbuk	М	40	Hypertension	2.21	
4	Gyeongbuk	М	56	Mental disease	2.23	Cheongdo Daenam H.
5	Daegu	F	56	Chronic Kidney disease	2.23	
6	Gyeongbuk	М	59	Mental disease	2.23	Cheongdo Daenam H.
7	Gyeongbuk	М	61	Mental disease	2.23	Cheongdo Daenam H.
8	Daegu	М	66	Mental disease	2.24	Cheongdo Daenam H.
9	Daegu	F	68	Hypertension, DM	2.24	
10	Gyeongbuk	М	57	Mental disease	2.25	Cheongdo Daenam H.
11	Gyeonggi	М	35	Chronic liver disease	2.25	Mogolian citizen
12	Daegu	М	73	Chronic Kidney disease	2.26	
13	Daegu	М	74	Kidney transplant	2.27	
14	Daegu	F	69	Hypertension, DM	2.28	<u> </u>
15	Daegu	F	93	Heart disease	2.28	
16	Daegu	F	62	Cancer	2.27	

X The interim classification is based on the reporting, which may change depending on further discussion with the Central Clinical committee.

According to the epidemiological characteristics of death cases in Korea, it consists of 10 male(62.5%) and 6 female (37.5%). By age group, 3 cases(18.6%) are in 70s, 6 cases (37.5%) are in 60s, and 5 cases in 50s. All the decreased cases are identified with having the underlying diseases. Especially, 7 Cheongdo Daenam hospital- related cases seemed to have affected the long-term hospitalization in a mental ward, resulting in poor health. The cause of death will be confirmed based on death review with the Central clinical committee.



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- C KCDC asked to local government and health facilities to focus on test and treatment, especially for those aged 65 and with underlying disease who needed early detection and treatment. Also, KCDC stressed the monitoring of capacities on test, quarantines and treatment in case of the possibility of community transmission.
- O In case of newly confirmed cases, the association with Shincheonji religious sect will be checked as the priority. And KCDC recommends to carry out the initial epidemiological investigation and public health measure thoroughly to minimize the community transmission which has no evidence to related confirmed cases through chains of transmission.
- O KCDC recommends to civil people to keep the personal hygiene and practice 'social distancing' until the beginning of March, an important point of this outbreak.