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# Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

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○ As of 0:00, 18 March 2020, a total of 8,413 cases have been confirmed, with 1,540 cases discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 93 in total.

[Table 1. Total confirmed and suspected cases]

Period (since 3 Jan)	Total	Tested positive				Being tested	Tested negative
		Confirmed	Discharged	Isolated	Deceased		
As of 0:00 17 March (Tues)	286,716	8,320	1,401	6,838	81	17,291	261,105
As of 0:00 18 March (Wed)	295,647	8,413	1,540	6,789	84	16,346	270,888
Differences	+8,931	+93	+139	-49	+3	-945	+9,783

○ Regional distribution of confirmed cases:

[Table 2. Imported confirmed cases by region]

	City									
	Total	Seoul	Busan	Daegu	Incheon	Gwangju	Daejeon	Ulsan	Sejong	
Isolated	6,789	215	48	5,038	27	11	18	21	41	
Discharged	1,540	55	58	1,048	5	6	4	9	0	
Deceased	84	0	1	58	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8,413</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>6,144</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>	
(Change)	(93)	(5)	-	(46)	(1)	(1)	-	(2)	(1)	

  

	Province									
	Gyeonggi	Gangwon	Chung-buk	Chung-nam	Jeon-buk	Jeon-nam	Gyeong-buk	Gyeong-nam	Jeju	Other Airport screening
Isolated	215	21	27	102	4	3	922	63	2	11
Discharged	59	8	5	16	5	2	235	23	2	0
Deceased	3	1	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>
(Change)	(15)	(1)	(1)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(9)	-	-	(5)



[Table 3. Confirmed cases by region]

Region	# of cases	(%)	Incidence rate (per 0.1M)	Region	# of cases	(%)	Incidence rate (per 0.1M)
Seoul	270	(3.21)	2.77	Gyeonggi	277	(3.29)	2.09
Busan	107	(1.27)	3.14	Gangwon	30	(0.36)	1.95
Daegu	6,144	(73.03)	252.17	Chungbuk	32	(0.38)	2.00
Incheon	32	(0.38)	1.08	Chungnam	118	(1.40)	5.56
Gwangju	17	(0.20)	1.17	Jeonbuk	9	(0.11)	0.50
Daejeon	22	(0.26)	1.49	Jeonnam	5	(0.06)	0.27
Ulsan	30	(0.36)	2.62	Gyeongbuk	1,178	(14.00)	44.24
Sejong	41	(0.49)	11.98	Gyeongnam	86	(1.02)	2.56
Airport	11	(0.13)	-	Jeju	4	(0.05)	0.60
				<b>Total</b>	<b>8,413</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>16.23</b>

○ Epidemiological links have been found for 80.2% of the total cases; 19.8% are either under investigation or sporadic cases. More details on the epidemiological links within each province or city are shown in Table 4. ○ Distribution of the cases by sex and age groups are as indicated in Table 5. ○ A graph of imported cases by period and region of origin is provided in Figure 1.

○ A current total of 55 confirmed cases have been reported from a church (Grace River Church) in Gyeonggi Province since 9 March. Further investigation and contact tracing are underway.

○ A current total of 31 confirmed cases have been reported from a healthcare facility (Bundang Jesaeng Hospital) in Seongnam, Gyeonggi Province since 5 March. Further investigation and contact tracing are underway

○ In Daegu, testing is being conducted for every person at high-risk facilities such as nursing homes. A current total of 74 confirmed cases (57 patients, 17 staff) have been reported from Hansarang Convalescent Hospital in Seo-gu, Daegu City, and 13 other confirmed cases have been reported from other nursing homes in the city. Further epidemiological investigation and control measures are underway.

○ In light of the recent rapid rise in the number of COVID-19 cases in Europe, the U.S., and the Middle East region, as well as the rise in the number of imported cases both from airport quarantine and in communities, the KCDC announced that the Special Entry Procedure will be extended to all travelers arriving at port beginning at 0:00 of 19 March. Upon entering Korea, all travelers will be required to



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respond to a questionnaire, get checked for fever, provide a domestic address and confirmed contact information at port entry, and report their symptoms daily for the next 14 days via the self health check mobile app ("Self-Diagnosis") on their mobile device. Travel histories of all travelers entering Korea will be provided to healthcare providers via the International Traveler Information System for reference. The names of all entrants will be provided to local public health centers for a more active monitoring of potential imported cases for the first 14 days upon their arrival.

○ The KCDC strongly recommended canceling or delaying of all international travel on non-urgent matters. Persons who are unable to avoid traveling out of the country for a critical reason are advised to refrain from visiting any closed facilities or healthcare facilities, and voluntarily disclose any symptoms and their international travel history upon returning to Korea and follow appropriate guidelines and instructions.

○ In light of the continued emergence of outbreaks in health facilities and church clusters, the KCDC stressed the importance of strengthening prevention management for such community facilities. The KCDC urged people to refrain from attending crowded places or religious gatherings and recommended that workplaces actively encourage and enable employees to work remotely from home.

○ The KCDC again reminded everyone that personal hygiene and social distancing practices are effective measures to prevent infections. Any person who suspect onset COVID-19 symptoms are advised to call the KCDC call center (1339) or local call centers (area code + 120), ask a local public health center, or visit a screening facility, before visiting a regular healthcare provider directly. All persons who visit a screening center should wear a mask and drive their own car if possible.



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[Table 4. Regional distribution and epidemiological links of the confirmed cases]

Region	Sub-total	Epidemiological links		Others*	Newly confirmed
		# (%)	Details		
Seoul	270	203 (75.2%)	Guro-gu call center (82), Dongan Church-Internet Cafe (19), Eunpyeong St Mary's Hospital (14), Seongdong-gu Apartments (13), Jongno-gu (10), Shincheonji (6), etc.	67 (24.8%)	5
Busan	107	75 (70.1%)	Onchun Church (32), Shincheonji (8), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), Haeundae-gu Jangsan Catholic Church (4), Jin-gu private academy (4), Daenam Hospital (1), etc.	32 (29.9%)	0
Daegu	6,144	5,026 (81.8%)	Shincheonji (4,363), contacts of confirmed cases (661), Daenam Hospital (2)	1,118 (18.2%)	46
Incheon	32	27 (84.4%)	Guro-gu call center (19), contacts of confirmed cases (5), Shincheonji (2), existing imported cases (1)	5 (15.6%)	1
Gwangju	17	14 (81.4%)	Shincheonji (9), contacts of confirmed cases (4), existing imported cases (1)	3 (18.6%)	1
Daejeon	22	12 (54.5%)	contacts of confirmed cases (8), Shincheonji (2), Seosan research center (2)	10 (45.5%)	0
Ulsan	30	23 (76.7%)	Shincheonji (16), contacts of confirmed cases (7)	7 (23.3%)	2
Sejong	41	38 (92.7%)	Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (29), gym facilities (8), Shincheonji (1)	3 (7.3%)	1
Gyeonggi	277	227 (81.9%)	Seongnam Grace River Church (50), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon Saeng Myeong Su Church (34), Shincheonji (28), Bundang Je-saeng Hospital (28), Suwon Saeng Myeong Saem Church (10), etc.	50 (18.1%)	15
Gangwon	30	21 (70.0%)	Shincheonji (20), gym facilities in Cheonan (1)	9 (30.0%)	1
Chungbuk	32	28 (87.5%)	Shincheonji (10), Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11), contacts of confirmed cases (7)	4 (12.5%)	1
Chungnam	118	112 (94.9%)	Gym facilities in Cheonan (103), research center in Seosan (8), Seongnam Grace River Church (1)	6 (5.1%)	3
Jeonbuk	9	4 (44.4%)	Contacts of confirmed cases (2), existing imported cases (1), Shincheonji (1)	5 (55.6%)	2
Jeonnam	5	4 (80.0%)	Shincheonji (1), existing imported cases (1), contacts of confirmed cases (2)	1 (20.0%)	1
Gyeongbuk	1,178	850 (72.2%)	Shincheonji (517), Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (119), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (60), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Milal Shelter (27), Gyeongsan Seorin Nursing Home (24), Gyeongsan Jeil Silver Town (17), Gyeongsan Cham Joeun Community Center (18), etc.	328 (27.8%)	9
Gyeongnam	86	70 (81.4%)	Shincheonji (32), Geochang Church (10), Geochang Woongyang-myeon (8), Hanmaeum Changwon Hospital (7), Changyeong coin karaoke (7), contacts of confirmed cases (4), Busan Oncheon Church (2)	16 (18.6%)	0
Jeju	4	-	-	4 (100%)	0
Airport	11	11 (100%)	Imported cases (11)	-	5
Total	8,413	6,745 (80.2%)	Shincheonji 5,016 cases (59.6%)	1,668 (19.8%)	93

\* 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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[Table 5. Distribution of the cases by sex and age groups]

		Confirmed cases # (%)	Deaths # (%)	Fatality rate %
Total		8,413 (100.0)	84 (100.0)	1.00
Sex	Male	3,240 (38.51)	45 (53.57)	1.39
	Female	5,173 (61.49)	39 (46.43)	0.75
Age Group	80 and above	286 (3.40)	31 (36.90)	10.84
	70-79	542 (6.44)	29 (34.52)	5.35
	60-69	1,059 (12.59)	16 (19.05)	1.51
	50-59	1,615 (19.20)	6 (7.14)	0.37
	40-49	1,171 (13.92)	1 (1.19)	0.09
	30-39	873 (10.38)	1 (1.19)	0.11
	20-29	2,342 (27.84)	0 (0.00)	-
	10-19	438 (5.21)	0 (0.00)	-
	0-9	87 (1.03)	0 (0.00)	-

[Figure 1. Imported confirmed cases by region of origin]

