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 As of 0:00, 15 May 2020, a total of 11,018 cases (including 1,150 imported cases) have been confirmed, of which 9,821 cases (89.1%) have been discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 27 in total.

[Table 1. Total reported/tested cases]

Period (since 3 Jan)	Total		Tested pos	itive (PCR			
		Confirmed	Discharged from isolation	Under isolation	Deceased	Awaiting test result	Tested negative (PCR)
As of 0:00 14 May (Thurs)	711,484	10,991	9,762	969	260	20,722	679,771
As of 0:00 15 May (Fri)	726,747	11,018	9,821	937	260	19,875	695,854
Difference	(+)15,263	(+)27	(+)59	(-)32	0	(-)847	(+)16,083

[Table 2. Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 15 May 2020)]

				Region	/Country	Where of	confirmed	Nationality			
	Total	China	Asia ex-China	Europe	Americas	Africa	Australia	Point of Entry	Community	Korean	Other
New	5	0	3	1	1	0	0	1	4	2	3
Total	1,150	19 165 465		492	8	1	482	668	1,033	117	
Total	1,150	(1.7%)	(14.3%)	(40.4%)	(42.8%)	(0.7%)	(0.1%)	(41.9%)	(58.1%)	(89.8%)	(10.2%)

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

- Of the 27 new cases, 5 were imported cases and 22 were locally transmitted cases.
- 17 of the locally transmitted cases are related to the nightclub cluster.
- > 7 are visitors to nightclubs/etc; 10 are contacts.
- 1 local case is related to a social gathering in Hongdae (in Mapo-gu, Seoul).
- > Further investigation on the chain of transmission is underway.
- 3 local case is a contact of previous confirmed case.
- 1 local case is from Seoul City.
- > Further investigation on the chain of transmission is underway.
- 5 additional confirmed cases have been reported between 0:00 and 12:00 today, bringing the total related to the cluster to 153. Contact investigation and infection control measures are underway.
- By region: Seoul City=87, Gyeonggi Province=26, Incheon City=22, Chungbuk Province=9, Busan City=4, Chungnam Province=1, Jeonbuk Province=1, Gyeongnam Province=1, Gangwon Province=1, Jeiu Province=1
- By chain of transmission: Club visitors=90; Contacts (family/acquaintance/coworkers/etc)=63
- By age group: [0-18]=15; [19-29]=93; [30-39]=27; [40-49]=8; [50-59]=5; [60+]=5
- Male=127; Female=26



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- KCDC asked anyone who visited any of the nightlife entertainment venues in Itaewon area including any clubs or bars from 24 April to 6 May to:
- (1) Stay home and refrain from going to other places.
- (2) Contact a local public health center or dial 1339 (KCDC call center).
- (3) Visit a screening clinic and get tested, regardless of symptoms.
- CCDC also emphasized that persons who work in education, places of worship, indoor sports/gym facilities, or other places that are used by many people should especially report to public health center if they have been exposed to above venues since their work environment creates a high risk of transmission.
- Even if test result is negative, it is still possible for the person to have been infected but in the 14-day incubation period before the virus activates. Therefore, those who have been instructed to self-quarantine should strictly follow the self-quarantine protocol. Persons who are not subject to self-quarantine should still minimize contact with other people. They should carefully practice personal hygiene measures including mask wearing and hand washing, and get retested immediately if symptoms appear later.
- O In light of the recent rise in local transmission from club cluster cases to others in bars, karaoke rooms, after-school private academies, KCDC urged people to refrain from social gathering or visiting any enclosed/confined/crowded spaces that are frequented by many people.
- People who cannot avoid visiting an enclosed/crowded space for an essential reason should carefully follow personal hygiene measures including keeping 2 meters of distance from other people, wearing a facemask, avoiding handshakes, washing hands, and not touching eyes, nose, or mouth with their hands.
- Persons belonging to high-risk groups (including elderly, pregnant women, persons with chronic illness) should especially avoid any poorly ventilated enclosed space frequented by many people. If such a situation cannot be avoided for an essential reason, it is highly important to wear a facemask.
- Religious communities should also be careful during the weekend since they can become exposed to a large number of people during weekend. Non-face-to-face, contactless methods of gathering are recommended.
- Religious facilities hosting on-site worship gathering must check everyone for fever, maintain distance between participants, require mask wearing, and refrain from providing mass meals or encouraging any activity that cause respiratory droplets to travel (such as singing, chanting, shouting).
- Anyone who has come in close contact with a large number of unspecified persons in an enclosed/confined space such as clubs or bars need to be tested at a screening clinic through public health center or 1339 call center.
- KCDC urged people to visit a screening clinic and get tested especially if two or more persons within a household or social group develop COVID-19 suspected symptoms.



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"5 Basic Infection Prevention Rules for Everyone"

- (1) Stay home for 3-4 days if you get sick.
- (2) Keep a distance of two arms' length between you and other people.
- (3) Wash your hands for 30 seconds. Cough/sneeze into your sleeve.
- (4) Ventilate your space at least twice a day and disinfect regularly.
- (5) Keep in touch with family and friends while maintaining physical distancing.



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

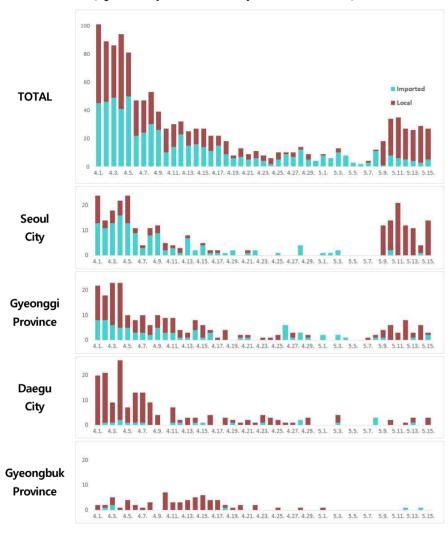
			Clusters									
Region	Total	Imported cases	Sub- total	Shin- cheonji	Other clusters	Contacts of confirmed cases	Imported cases	Other*	New cases	Other major clusters		
Seoul	725	260	441	8	348	16	69	24	14	Itaewon clubs (83), Guro-gu call center (98), Dong-an Church-PC Cafe (20), Manmin Central Church (41), etc.		
Busan	144	27	88	12	57	18	1	29	0	Itaewon clubs (4), Onchun Church (39), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), etc.		
Daegu	6,868	25	6,119	4,510	678	927	4	724	3	Second Mi-Ju Hospital (196), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (128), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (100), Fatima Hospital (37), etc.		
Incheon	124	47	71	2	56	6	7	6	5	Itaewon clubs (22), Guro-gu call center (20), etc.		
Gwangju	30	14	16	9	0	1	6	0	0			
Daejeon	43	13	21	2	11	8	0	9	0	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.		
Ulsan	45	14	24	16	2	3	3	7	0			
Sejong	47	4	42	1	38	3	0	1	0	Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (30), gym facilities (8)		
Gyeonggi	717	173	499	29	356	52	62	45	3	Itaewon clubs (26), Grace River Church in Seongnam (72), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (50), etc.		
Gangwon	55	15	33	17	16	0	0	7	0	Apartments in Wonju City (3), Ujjeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (10), etc.		
Chung- buk	55	7	40	6	26	6	2	8	0	Itaewon clubs (8) , Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11)		
Chung- nam	144	13	121	0	119	1	1	10	0	Gym facilities in Cheonan (103), research center in Seosan (9), etc.		
Jeonbuk	20	10	5	1	4	0	0	5	0			
Jeonnam	18	10	5	1	1	2	1	3	1	·		
Gyeong- buk	1,368	13	1,224	566	468	190	0	131	0	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (120), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (68), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Gyeongsan Seo Convalescent Hospital (66), Yecheon-gun (41), etc.		
Gyeong- nam	119	15	86	32	47	6	1	18	0	Geochang Church (10), Geochang Woongyang-myeon (8), Wings Tower (10), etc.		
Jeju	14	8	2	0	1	0	1	4	0			
Airport	482	482	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Total	11,018	1,150 (10.4)	8,837 (80.2)	5,212 (47.4)	2,228 (20.1)	1,239 (11.2)	158 (1.4)	1,031 (9.4)	27			

^{*} 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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[Figure 1: Daily confirmed cases by chain of transmission]





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[Table 4: Age distribution of severe cases]

Age group	Total	Severe	(%)	Very severe	(%)
Total	22	6	(100.0)	16	(100.0)
80 or above	8		,	33.3)	6	(37.5)
70-79	7	2	(33.3)	5	(31.3)
60-69	4	1	(16.7)		(18.8)
50-59	1	1	(16.7)	0	(0.0)
40-49	2	0	(0.0)		(12.5)
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)

[Table 5: Cases tested positive after discharge]

	Total	(%)
Total	447	(100.0))
80 or above	32	(7.2)
70-79	26	(5.8)
60-69	42	(9.4)
50-59	71	(15.9)
40-49	57	(12.8)
30-39	54	(12.1)
20-29	97	(21.7)
10-19	54	(12.1)
0-9	14	(3.1)



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

