Press Release

The updates on COVID-19 in Korea as of 21 April

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Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

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○As of 0:00, 21 April 2020, a total of 10,683 cases (including 1,011 imported cases) have been confirmed, of which 8,213 cases (76.9%) have been discharged from isolation. Newly confirmed cases are 9 in total.

[Table 1. Total confirmed and suspected cases]

Period (since 3 Jan)	Total	Tested positive				Being tested	Tested negative
		Confirmed	Discharged from isolation	Under isolation	Deceased		
As of 0:00 20 April (Mon)	563,035	10,674	8,114	2,324	236	11,981	540,380
As of 0:00 21 April (Tues)	571,014	10,683	8,213	2,233	237	12,721	547,610
Difference	(+)7,979	(+)9	(+)99	(-)91	(+)1	(+)740	(+)7,230

[Table 2. Imported cases in Korea (as of 0:00, 21 April 2020)]

	Total	Region/Country						Where confirmed		Nationality	
		China	Asia ex-China	Europe	Americas	Africa	Australia	Point of Entry	Community	Korean	Other
New	5	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	2	4	1
Total	1,011	16 (1.6%)	109 (10.8%)	440 (43.5%)	442 (43.7%)	3 (0.3%)	1 (0.1%)	421 (41.6%)	590 (58.4%)	926 (91.6%)	85 (8.4%)

○Epidemiological links have been found for 81.0% of the total cases; 9.6% are either under investigation or sporadic cases. More details on the epidemiological links within each province or city are shown in Table 3.

○From testing of contacts linked to Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital in Gyeonggi Province, 1 additional case was confirmed. The case was a contact of a previously confirmed case and was confirmed when tested for release from mandatory home quarantine. (Close contacts must test negative before being released from quarantine.)

○From Second Mi-Ju Hospital in Daegu City, 1 additional case (a patient at the hospital) was confirmed from the testing of entire 130 persons (patients and staff) under cohort isolation.

○From testing of contacts linked to Fatima Hospital in Daegu City, 1 additional case (a healthcare staff) was confirmed. The case was a contact of a previously confirmed case in this cluster. The case was confirmed positive when tested for release from home quarantine.
(The figures in Table 3 are based on cases reported to KCDC before 0:00 of 21 April and may differ from above.)

○Korea National Institute of Health (of KCDC) announced that it will host the first meeting of the intergovernmental working-level task force on COVID-19 response on Wednesday, 22 April.
The task force is co-headed by Director of National Institute of Health and Deputy Minister of R&D Policy (of Ministry of Science and ICT).
Topics for discussion for the first meeting includes ways to respond to the supply and demand changes, promote domestic manufacturing, and provide support for export of infection prevention/control supplies and equipment.

○KCDC asked everyone to actively participate in and follow the current Social Distancing campaign/policy effective until 5 May.

KCDC recommended that any facility that makes it easy for people to come in close contact with other people in an enclosed space should refrain from operating as much as possible. Such facilities that have to remain in operation should comply with infection prevention/control guidelines including checking all users for fever or respiratory symptoms, keeping a log of all users, requiring everyone to wear facemasks and keep distance from each other, and disinfecting and ventilating the space.

KCDC stressed that reducing contact with other people as much as possible and maintaining personal hygiene are highly important to preventing COVID-19.

People who cannot avoid visiting an enclosed/crowded place should keep at least 2 meters of distance from others, wear a facemask, and maintain hand hygiene by washing hands or using hand sanitizers.

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

Region	Confirmed cases									Other major clusters
	Total	Imported cases	Clusters					Other*	New cases	
			Sub-total	Shin-cheonji	Other clusters	Contacts of confirmed cases	Imported cases			
Seoul	626	245	357	8	262	18	69	24	2	Guro-gu call center (98), Dong-an Church-PC Cafe (20), Manmin Central Church (41), etc.
Busan	132	20	82	12	50	19	1	30	0	Onchun Church (39), Suyeong-gu Kindergarten (5), etc.
Daegu	6,835	17	6,097	4,510	661	922	4	721	2	Second Mi-Ju Hospital (196), Hansarang Convalescent Hospital (127), Daesil Convalescent Hospital (100), Fatima Hospital (37), etc.
Incheon	92	41	47	2	34	5	6	4	0	Guro-gu call center (20), etc.
Gwangju	30	14	16	9	0	1	6	0	0	
Daejeon	39	9	21	2	11	8	0	9	0	Korea Forest Engineer Institute (3), etc.
Ulsan	43	12	24	16	1	4	3	7	0	
Sejong	46	3	42	1	38	3	0	1	0	Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (30), gym facilities (8)
Gyeonggi	658	152	465	29	318	56	62	41	2	Grace River Church in Seongnam (72), Guro-gu call center-Bucheon SaengMyeongSu Church (48), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (50), etc.
Gangwon	53	14	32	17	15	0	0	7	0	Apartments in Wonju City (3), Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital (10), etc.
Chung-buk	45	5	32	6	18	6	2	8	0	Goesan-gun Jangyeon-myeon (11)
Chung-nam	141	11	120	0	118	1	1	10	0	Gym facilities in Cheonan (103), research center in Seosan (9), etc.
Jeonbuk	17	8	4	1	3	0	0	5	0	
Jeonnam	15	7	7	1	3	2	1	1	0	Manmin Central Church (2)
Gyeong-buk	1,361	10	1,217	566	460	191	0	134	0	Cheongdo Daenam Hospital (120), Bonghwa Pureun Nursing Home (68), pilgrimage to Israel (49), Gyeongsan Seo Convalescent Hospital (66), Yecheon-gun (37), etc.
Gyeong-nam	116	14	84	32	45	6	1	18	0	Geochang Church (10), Geochang Woongyang-myeon (8), Wings Tower (10), etc.
Jeju	13	8	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	
Airport	421	421	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Total	10,683	1,011 (9.5)	8,648 (81.0)	5,212 (48.8)	2,037 (19.1)	1,242 (11.6)	157 (1.5)	1,024 (9.6)	9	

* 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.

[Figure 1: Distribution of confirmed cases based on location reported]

***Refer to attachment**

[Table 4: Age distribution of severe cases]

Age group	Total	Severe	(%)	Very severe	(%)
Total	56	23	(100.0)	33	(100.0)
80 or above	9	5	(21.7)	4	(12.1)
70-79	27	10	(43.5)	17	(51.5)
60-69	14	6	(26.1)	8	(24.2)
50-59	2	0	(0.0)	2	(6.1)
40-49	2	0	(0.0)	2	(6.1)
30-39	0	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
20-29	2	2	(8.7)	0	(0.0)
10-19	0	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)
0-9	0	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)

[Table 5: Distribution of cases that retested positive]

Age group	Total	(%)
Total	192	(100.0)
80 or above	17	(8.9)
70-79	8	(4.2)
60-69	20	(10.4)
50-59	33	(17.2)
40-49	27	(14.1)
30-39	31	(16.1)
20-29	45	(23.4)
10-19	6	(3.1)
0-9	5	(2.6)

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

[Figure 3: Daily trend of deaths and fatality rate (up to 12 April)]

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