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# The Updates of COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

As of 18 February, 2020

○ As of 18 February, 2020, there have been 31 confirmed cases, 8,277 cases turned out to be negative, and 957 cases currently being tested.

Period (since 3 January)	Total	Confirmed cases			Suspected cases		
		Sub-total	isolated	discharged	Sub-total	being tested	tested negative
As of 9:00, 18 Feb.	9,265	31	21	10	9,234	957	8,277

○ The newly confirmed case(#31) is a Korean female, born in 1959. She had been in a car accident and treated at the local hospital since 7 February. She developed fever on 10<sup>th</sup>, and due to a sign of pneumonia shown on her radiography, she was treated with antibiotics. She visited a local health facility and got tested for COVID-19 on 17<sup>th</sup> and confirmed positive on 18<sup>th</sup>. She is in isolation at the national designated isolation hospital. She said she has not been abroad since December, 2019. Epidemiological investigation is currently underway.

○ Meanwhile, the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> confirmed cases were tested negative twice in a row, and they will be released today. A total of 12 cases have been discharged so far.

○ KCDC also released the progress of epidemiological investigation on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> confirmed cases.

- With regard to the 29<sup>th</sup> case, the investigation on his whereabouts for two weeks before the onset of symptoms is being conducted to find out the source of infection. Since he has been to a local community center and a club house for go game, the visitors to the places are investigated for their travel history and suspected symptoms.

- The contacts of the 30<sup>th</sup> case are counted as 20 so far, and all of them are closely monitored. The case developed cough, chill, and muscle pain on 6 February. She visited health facilities and pharmacy. The additional investigation is on-going.

○ KCDC emphasized initial responses are critical when a case is identified in a health facility. KCDC advised local governments and health facilities to check availability of human resources, transportation, and isolation hospitals and get them ready for a possible transmission.



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[Case Summary in Republic of Korea, as of 09:00, 18 February]

Case No.	Date of laboratory confirmation	Gender	Age	Nationality	Travel history in Wuhan	Current status	Contact persons
1	2020-01-20	F	35	China	O	Discharged	45
2	2020-01-24	M	55	Korea	O	Discharged	75
3	2020-01-26	M	54	Korea	O	Discharged	16
4	2020-01-27	M	55	Korea	O	Discharged	95
5	2020-01-30	M	33	Korea	O	Hospitalized	31
6	2020-01-30	M	55	Korea	X	Hospitalized	17
7	2020-01-30	M	28	Korea	O	Discharged	9
8	2020-01-31	F	62	Korea	O	Discharged	113
9	2020-01-31	F	28	Korea	X	Hospitalized	2
10	2020-01-31	F	54	Korea	X	Hospitalized	43
11	2020-01-31	M	25	Korea	X	Discharged	0
12	2020-02-01	M	48	China	X	Hospitalized	422
13	2020-02-02	M	28	Korea	O	Hospitalized	0
14	2020-02-02	F	40	China	X	Hospitalized	3
15	2020-02-02	M	43	Korea	O	Hospitalized	15
16	2020-02-04	F	42	Korea	X	Hospitalized	450
17	2020-02-05	M	37	Korea	X	Discharged	290
18	2020-02-05	F	20	Korea	X	Hospitalized	8
19	2020-02-05	M	36	Korea	X	Hospitalized	68
20	2020-02-05	F	41	Korea	X	Hospitalized	2
21	2020-02-05	F	59	Korea	X	Hospitalized	6
22	2020-02-06	M	46	Korea	X	Discharged	1
23	2020-02-06	F	57	China	O	Hospitalized	23
24	2020-02-06	M	28	Korea	O	Hospitalized	0
25	2020-02-09	F	73	Korea	X	Hospitalized	12
26	2020-02-09	M	51	Korea	X	Hospitalized	0
27	2020-02-09	F	37	China	X	Hospitalized	39
28	2020-02-10	F	30	China	O	Discharged	1
29	2020-02-16	M	79	Korea	X	Hospitalized	115
30	2020-02-16	F	67	Korea	X	Hospitalized	20
31	2020-02-17	F	60	Korea	X	Hospitalized	Under investigation