

The updates on COVID-19 in Korea as of 12 February

○ As of 12 February, 2020, there have been 28 confirmed cases, 4,054 cases turned out to be negative, and 992 cases currently being tested. The contacts of the confirmed cases are 1,782 in total.

Period (since 3 January)	Total	Confirmed cases			Suspected cases		
		Sub-total	isolated	discharged	Sub-total	being tested	tested negative
As of 9:00, 12 Feb.	5,074	28	24	4	5,046	992	4,054

○ In addition, three confirmed cases(#3, #8, and #17) were tested negative twice in a row and will be discharged later today. Seven of the confirmed cases have been discharged so far.

○ COVID-19 extracted from patient specimen will be sent to relevant ministries and research institutes for virus culture and incubation. This will accelerate development of diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines.

○ KCDC advised the public to get tested only if they have symptoms and epidemiological link. Testing for COVID-19 should be determined by clinician's opinion. Furthermore, asking for a certificate to prove a negative test result for school or work should be discouraged.