

The case definition of 2019 novel coronavirus will be expanded

○ The Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(KCDC) has announced that the case definition will be expanded in order to prevent further importation of 2019 novel coronavirus infection. As of 28 January 2020, the contaminated areas will be defined as entire mainland China. Therefore, any travellers departed from China will be a subject to strengthened screening and quarantine measures. They should fill out and submit health questionnaire to quarantine officer at the point of entry. Providing false information on travel history or symptoms could result in a fine of up to 10 million Korean won (equivalent to USD 10,000). Please refer to Figure 1 for the changes on the case definition in detail.

Before	After	Remarks
► Suspected Case		
1. Within 14 days		
A visit to <u>Wuhan city</u>	→ A visit to <u>Hubei province</u>	Expanded
<u>Pneumonia or pneumonia-suspected symptoms</u>	→ <u>Fever or respiratory symptoms</u>	
2. Within 14 days		
A close contact with confirmed case	→ A close contact with confirmed case	No change
Fever or respiratory symptoms	→ Fever or respiratory symptoms	
► Patient Under Investigation(PUI)		
3. Within 14 days		
<u>Fever or respiratory symptoms</u> after visiting <u>Wuhan city</u>	→ <u>Pneumonia with radiological evidence</u> after visiting <u>China</u>	Expanded

[Figure 1] Changes on the case definition

○ In addition, the first confirmed patient has been treated for pneumonia, and the second confirmed case is in stable condition. These two patients have contacts of 45 with four PUIs and 75 with seven PUIs respectively, but all of PUIs were diagnosed as negative and released from isolation as of today.

* Link to further information in Korean :

https://www.cdc.go.kr/board/board.es?mid=a20501000000&bid=0015&act=view&list_no=365874&tag=&nPage=1