

KCDC Urges Preventive Measures in Response to 2018's First Imported Case of Cholera [July.4.(Wed), 2018]

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- ☐ The Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed a case of cholera (*V. cholerae* O1 Ogawa, CTX+) with the results of a passenger's stool samples (detected at 19:00 on July 3 and 10:00 on July 4, 2018). The passenger traveled on Korean Air flight KE656, which flew in from Mumbai, India to Incheon International Airport, with an arrival time of 14:25 on June 30th, 2018.
- ☐ Upon confirmation of the cholera bacteria, the respective public health center in Busan, the patient's city of residence, was notified immediately. The center subsequently conducted an epidemiological investigation and is currently monitoring any contacts of the patient following re-entry into Korea for any symptoms of the disease.
- ☐ KCDC urges any individuals who were on the same flight as the patient to visit the nearest hospital, inform medical professionals of their recent travel history, and request cholera testing if they experience serious diarrhea or vomiting.
- ☐ Hospitals that have diagnosed or treated individuals with cholera are to report immediately to their region's respective public health center.
- ☐ Any questions or concerns regarding cholera or other infectious diseases can be directed to the KCDC 1339 Call Center.
- ☐ KCDC has included India in the list of cholera risk areas since January 1, 2018. As such, individuals who have traveled to or stopped over in India are required to complete a health questionnaire and submit it to quarantine officials upon arrival in Korea.
- ☐ Furthermore, the KCDC urges People in Korea to maintain proper hygiene, including frequent hand-washing, to practice safe eating habits, and to follow all other appropriate guidelines while traveling abroad in order to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.