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To the press

About outbreak of patient (ninth case) and asymptomatic pathogen carrier (*) related to new type coronavirus

(*) Asymptomatic pathogen carriers are those who have no symptoms but have a positive PCR test

At around 8:00 today (January 30, 2020), the National Institute of Infectious Diseases reported three cases of the new coronavirus-related infectious diseases. One is a patient and two are asymptomatic pathogen carriers.

These were Japanese who were returned to Japan yesterday on a charter flight from Wuhan, and a new coronavirus was detected as a result of a PCR test conducted at the National Center for Global Health and Medicine. One patient had symptoms such as fever, and it was the ninth case in Japan that the outbreak of patients with an infectious disease related to the new coronavirus was confirmed. We will carry out proactive epidemiological investigations on this matter, including the identification of close contacts.

The other two cases are the first confirmed cases of asymptomatic pathogen carriers. In this case as well, we will conduct aggressive epidemiological investigations, including the identification of close contacts.

A press conference on this matter will be held at 10:30.

(*) Symptom-free pathogen carriers are those who have no symptoms but have a positive PCR test.

Summary

Ninth patient

- (1) Age: 50s
- (2) Gender: Male
- (3) Residence: Chinese Republic (Wuhan City, Hubei Province)
- (4) Symptoms and course: January 29, returning at around 8:30.

At the time of arrival to the medical institution, recognized the nasal discharge and sore throat, rose 37.9 °C after hospitalization After performing a detailed inspection, 21 at 38.7 °C and rising

23 at around a positive test

(5) action history: currently being checked

Mu Symptom pathogen carrier 1st case

(1) Age: 40s

(2) Gender: Male

(3) Residence: Under investigation

(4) Symptoms and progress: Returning home at about 8:30 on January 29. There were no symptoms, and the test was positive just in case.

(5) Behavioral history: Currently being confirmed

Second case of asymptomatic pathogen carrier

(1) Age: 50s

(2) Gender: Female

(3) Place of residence: Under investigation

(4) Symptoms, progress: January 29 8 Return home around half an hour. There were no symptoms, and the test was positive just in case.

(5) Action history: Currently under review

◆ Message to the people

○ The new type of coronavirus infectious disease has been transmitted from person to person in Japan, but the epidemic is not widespread at present. We ask the public to take measures against basic infectious diseases, such as cough etiquette and hand washing, as in seasonal flu, without worrying too much.

○ If you are returning or entering from Wuhan City or have been in contact with them, if you have symptoms such as coughing or fever, wear a mask and contact a medical institution in advance. I would like cooperation so that you have you consult after having done. In addition, when consulting a medical institution, please inform us in advance that you have a history of staying in Wuhan or have contacted a person who has stayed in Wuhan.

(Others) We

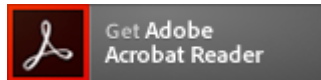
will continue to provide prompt and accurate information, so please cooperate in providing accurate information to the public. In addition, please refrain from interviewing on site from the viewpoint of protecting the privacy of patients.

(Reference) Coronavirus is a virus

that causes infectious diseases widely among humans and animals. There are six known causes of infectious disease in humans, but SARS-CoV (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus) and MERS-CoV (middle east respiratory syndrome), which can cause serious respiratory illness Other than coronavirus, infections are limited to non-severe symptoms such as a common cold. See the National Institute of Infectious Diseases information page for details.

○ National Institute of Infectious Diseases Coronavirus that infects humans

<https://www.niid.go.jp/niid/ja/from-idsc/2482-2020-01-10-06-50-40/9303-coronavirus.html>



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