

Movie Theaters Hit by Coronavirus Resurgence

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The long-awaited return of moviegoers to theaters has been scuppered by a resurgence of coronavirus infections just as the film industry had hoped to emerge from. Now the imminent release of the thrillers "Intruder" and "Innocence" and the drama "A French Woman" have been postponed again until June.



The distributors of "Innocence" said they decided to postpone the premiere due to "increasing social concerns" as the number of daily new cases are resurging. This time the movie's premiere has been delayed after it was originally slated to hit screens on March 5.

"Intruder" first delayed its planned release from March 12 to April 27 and then to May 21, and now it has been postponed again to June 4.

A dearth of new releases amid the epidemic has exacerbated the record-low turnout. According to the Korean Film Council, the number of moviegoers totaled 970,000 last month, the lowest on record and down 92.7 percent on-year.

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