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## Jitters as Teachers Found to Have Partied in Itaewon

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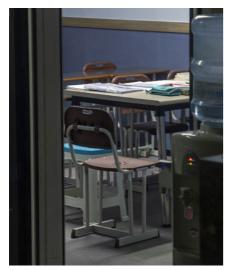
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Parents are on edge as schools are set to reopen because a number of teachers were among the party crowds who visited the new infection hotspot of Itaewon rece

According to the Ministry of Education, 880 teachers went to nightclubs and bars in Itaewon over the long weekend, 366 of them foreigners who typically work as lar instructors in schools and crammers.

One 50-year-old parent whose son attends a large crammer in Gangnam said, "The crammer closed down temporarily three times already, so my son has not been prepare properly for the college entrance exam and I can't tell him not to go there. I don't know what to do."

Itaewon is near the old U.S. military base in Yongsan and its hip restaurants and bars have been a magnet for a young cosmopolitan crowd.



A classroom in a crammer in Incheon is empty on Wednesday.

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According to the Seoul Metropolitan Government, 11 percent of the 10,905 people who have been traced to fix nightclubs known as the hotspots of infection from April 24 to May 6 via mobile phone GPS records were foreign.

Rumors are also spreading on chatrooms frequented by parents that foreign instructors at crammers in Itaew concerned about coronavirus infections as Koreans are.

Crammers are trying to calm jitters. One language school in downtown Seoul said it conducted an exhaustive i of its teachers' movements. One staffer said, "We had to close down temporarily, and the discovery of an infec would be disastrous."

One English-language kindergarten in Yongsan requires instructors to report their daily movements.

One staffer at the kindergarten said, "We were concerned at first that instructors might complain about invasic privacy, but most of them are cooperating because they have already been unable to work for about two mon epidemic."

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