

Latest POCOG Statement on Norovirus

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Current situation

- 139 confirmed cases of Norovirus (01 Feb - 09 Feb)
- 11 new cases today (09 Feb)
- 07 of these are security staff at the Horeb Youth Centre.

Place of outbreak	Number of confirmed cases			
	~7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	Total
Horeb Youth Centre	63	34	6	103
PyeongChang	8	3	1	12
Gangneung	15	5	4	24
Total	86	42	11	139

Implementation of measures against infectious diseases through central and local governments as follows:

POCOG

- (Dedicated Facility Supervisor) Designate a supervisor for each accommodation facility to monitor daily cleaning etc.
- (Strengthened Infection Control) Reinforce public health managers at the polyclinic of each Village to monitor infectious diseases more closely.
- (Distribute disinfection kits) 15,000 bottles of hand sanitizers provided by Ministry of Food and Drug Safety and Korea Center for Disease Control

Korea Center for Disease Control & prevention(KCDC)

- (Strengthening promotion of preventive measures) Hand washing is promoted as infectious diseases are normally spread through hands, and "smile greetings instead of handshakes" is encouraged.
- (Swift epidemiological surveys) Special monitoring systems are in place at each source of the outbreaks, and immediate response teams are dispatched working with local Gangwon health centres to implement the surveys.

- (Strengthening of patient monitoring) Patients who tested positive for the virus are quarantined until test results come out negative to prevent spreading of the virus.

Ministry of Food and Drug Safety

- (Focused inspection of restaurants) Ministry of Environment and the Gangwon province are working together to carry out a focused inspection on restaurants near competition venues, hotels, and worker accommodations.
- (Strengthening cleanliness of Olympic village cafeterias) Strengthening inspection of food at cafeterias by an additional dispatch of 20 more food and beverage inspectors (total 34).
- (Checking personal hygiene of cooking staff) norovirus infection check of cooking staff and Olympic village cafeterias carried out (Feb. 9th ~ Feb. 10th).

Ministry of Environment

- (Strengthened Water Quality Testing) Repeated water quality testing, inspection of sterilisation and noro virus testing at accommodation facilities (47) for workforce and other stakeholders.
- Field inspection and evaluation of disinfection quality at all 25 dedicated water supply facilities.

Gangwon Province

- (Emergency Support for Disinfection) financial support to purchase hand sanitisers, testing equipment for epidemiological investigation, sterilising equipment etc.
- (Managing Patients) Co-op with local public health centers within the Province to closely monitor quarantined people and patients.
- (Strengthened Hygiene Control) Education and monitoring of 2,945 hospitality business establishments in/near the host/venue region.