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Corona Virus Infectious Disease-19 Regular Briefing¹

1. Situation of quarantine measures and support in Daegu-Gyeongbuk

- Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) is actively implementing measures to prevent the spread of virus in community in consideration of the increase number of confirmed cases.
 - On February 25th, there are 47 negative pressure rooms and 470 hospital beds in use. And 1600 additional hospital beds will be prepared until March 1st.
 - Afterward, in case of lack of beds, local clinics in nearby areas are designated as exclusive hospitals.
 - Additional staffs are deployed to solve the shortage of medical staff in Daegu.
 - KCDC intends to expand temporary selective care centers and the amount of diagnostic testing to examine all the cases. Their goal is to stabilize Daegu City from Corona 19.

2. Investigation of all Shincheonji church members

- KCDC will receive a full list of Shincheonji church and their contact numbers throughout the country.
- The church will provide the list of members who have visited Daegu branch and visited other regions during the same period (January and february, 2020) as soon as possible.
 - Once the list of members is secured, it will be distributed to hearth centers and local governments across the country.
 - The government will make this progress transparent.

3. Measures to support medical institutions

- The government announced the improvement of health insurance coverage standards and postponement of investigation and evaluation.

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- Especially, hospitals that operate selective care centers or treat Corona 19 will not be screened for medical service fees associated with Corona 19.
- Any other projects other than those in response to Corona 19 shall be suspended.
- In addition, the government will exclude disadvantages in evaluations so that emergency medical institution facilities, staffs, and equipment can be used efficiently.

4. Operation of hospitals that are safe from Corona 19

- KCDC will designate hospitals safe from Corona 19.
- Those hospitals operate a special care area for respiratory patients in order to prevent the possibility of infection in the hospital. Furthermore, they carry out high levels of prevention and management of infection, including visitor control and protection of medical staffs.
- From February 24th, it was applied immediately to hospitals that are ready. And the list of hospitals will be released on the website of the ministry of Health and Welfare.
- Besides, non-respiratory patients such as cancer, heart disease etc. are recommended to visit hospitals that are safe from Corona 19.

5. Investigation on closed psychiatric wards.

- Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention tests closed wards in 420 mental hospitals during February 24th and 25th.
- The investigation is carried out in written forms to prevent the infection.

6. Recruitment of Medical staff

- From February 24th, Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention recruits medical staffs to serve early diagnosis and treatment against Corona 19 in Daegu City.
- The Center expands the screening test subjects including routine cold symptoms.
 - Financial compensation is given for medical staffs who will work for Corona 19 screening.

7. Public Code of Conduct

- Since raising the virus alert level to "red," the highest level, Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention distributes the public code of conduct and safety rules.
 - Wash hands with soap and water and cover mouth with sleeve when coughing

- Wear a mask when visiting health facilities and do not contact with people who have a fever or respiratory symptoms.
- Pregnant woman, people over 65 years of age and chronic patients etc. try not to visit places where there are many people. If it is inevitable to go out, wear a mask.
- Those with fever or respiratory symptoms should refrain from going out and observe the condition for three to four days while resting at home. In addition, if high fever persists above 38 degrees, or if symptoms become severe, please consult with the local health center or 1339. Or please visit selective care centers.
- People in special care zones should refrain from going out or visiting other regions. Furthermore, those under quarantine should follow orders from the quarantine authorities.

8. Temporary suspension of Alternative no-driving system

- From February 25th, the Ministry of Environment suspends the Alternative no-driving system to minimize the spread of Corona 19 to the community.
- Since raising the virus alert level to “red,” the highest level,
 - the system shall be suspended temporarily to respond quickly to infection.

9. The suspension of disposable product regulations

- Since the virus alert level is raised to “red,” restriction on the use of disposable products are suspended in all areas.

10. The use of “self-management application”

- As of February 24th, the numbers of Chinese (including Hong Kong and Macau) arrivals is about 60 000 people, 84% of them have installed application. In addition, if they have installed application, 90% of them have responded.
- So far, 416 people have responded that they have symptoms and there are 87 cases in which the health center has recognized the need for inspection. No one has shown results in positive.