

Press Release Summary

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Statistics (No. of persons)

	Confirmed Case	Discharged	Death	Under Treatment
Accumulated	179	67	27**	85***
New Increase	4*	13	0	

* #176 shared the same ward with #76 at Kunkook University Hospital (Seoul) on June 6th.

* #177 was diagnosed with MERS during quarantine. She was admitted to the same ER as #14 at the Samsung Medical Center (Seoul) between May 27th and May 30th.

* #178 is a family member of the patient who was hospitalized at Pyeongtaek Bakae Hospital between May 29 and June 6.

* #179 is a nurse at the Gangreung Clinic and seems to have been exposed to #96, #97 and #132.

** Male: 20 (74.1%), female: 7 (25.9%), persons above 60: 22 (81.5%)

- 25 (92.6%) were high-risk patients in old age or with underlying medical conditions such as cardio-cerebrovascular disease, cancer and chronic respiratory disease.

***16 are in severe conditions, and 69 in moderate conditions

	Confirmed Case	Under Quarantine			Finished Quarantine
		Sum	House	Institution	
Accumulated	179*	3,103	2,207	896	11,210
New increase	4	298	116	182	492

* Including 1 Confirmed case in China

Message from the Korean government

- Currently, the Korean government, medical staff and members of the community are doing their utmost to end the MERS outbreak as early as possible. We strongly ask that hospitals will not avoid providing care for those who recovered from MERS.

Pyeongtaek St. Mary's Hospital

- KCDC would like to make clear that health authorities did not reject Pyeongtaek St. Mary's Hospital's request for cohort quarantine unlike some media coverage.

- High-level experts from WHO & U.S CDC to join a meeting held by the Blue House
 - High-level experts from WHO & U.S CDC will be visiting Korea this week to provide advice and discuss cooperation plans in order to build a new infectious disease preparedness and response system in Korea.
 - To this end, WHO & U.S CDC experts will join a dialogue this afternoon which will be presided over by President Park in order to discuss “Plans for reforming infectious disease preparedness & response in Korea and strengthening international coordination.” After this dialogue, the WHO & U.S delegations will have discussions on specific plans with their Korean counterparts. On June 26, they will meet with the Minister of MOHW.
- Pyeongtaek Good Morning Hospital finished quarantine
 - The Immediate Response Team decided to put Pyeongtaek Good Morning Hospital out of quarantine as of June, 23, 24:00 A.M. This decision came after 13 people under cohort quarantine tested negative for MERS.
- Samsung Medical Center (Seoul)
 - The quarantine period for Samsung has been extended automatically since the Immediate Response Team did not decide otherwise today, which is supposed to be the last day of quarantine for the hospital.
- Partial shutdown of Kunkook University Hospital
 - As of June 24, countermeasures against MERS have been stepped up, including entry & exit control and limited visiting hours. Furthermore, the hospital is banned from admitting new patients for hospitalization, ER and outpatient care. Surgeries may not be performed except for emergency cases.
 - Thus far, Kunkook University Hospital has applied a one-room-per-patient rule for quarantine. However, the aforementioned decision came after #170 and #176 who were not on the quarantine list tested positive for MERS.
- Notice for those who used the hospitals visited by confirmed cases

- If you develop symptoms such as fever, cough, muscle pain, and diarrhea, immediately report to the public health center in the area of your residence or call the Dasan Call Center (120).

□ Recommended guidelines for treating dialysis patients to fight MERS

- The number of confirmed cases, suspected MERS patients and quarantined individuals is rising among dialysis patients.
- House quarantine is hard to impose on dialysis patients since they need to receive outpatient dialysis treatment 3 times a week. Thus, recommended guidelines for treating dialysis patients to fight MERS have been written as follows:
 - 1) Dialysis patients are banned from moving between hospitals. Medical staff and patients must have their temperatures taken and other symptoms thoroughly checked before dialysis treatment is provided.
 - 2) In principle, confirmed cases and suspected MERS patients should be transported to National Hospitals for Quarantine & Treatment. However, portable dialysis equipment may be used for patients in an isolated room at other hospitals capable of providing quarantine facilities & treatment.
 - 3) Dialysis patients under house quarantine should be admitted to hospitals and be treated in isolation. If hospital quarantine is not applicable, public health centers may provide transportation to help these patients receive dialysis treatment. The patients are strictly prohibited from using public transportation.