

## Press Release

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**Central MERS-CoV Control Office**

### □ Table 1. Current status of MERS cases in Republic of Korea

Classification of cases	Laboratory-confirmed cases	Discharged	Deaths	Cases Under Treatment
Total	182	91	32*	59**
Increase or decrease (June 28)	0	1	1	- 2

#### \* Age, sex and comorbidity of deaths

- Sex: Male 22 (68.8%), female 10 (31.3%)

- Age above 60 year old: 26 (81.4%)

-Comorbidity: the number of high-risk patients in old age or with underlying medical conditions such as cardio-cerebrovascular disease, cancer and chronic respiratory disease is 29 (90.6%)

\*\* The states of 44 cases are stable and those of 15 cases unstable.

### □ Table 2. Current status of MERS quarantine in Republic of Korea

Status of quarantine	Under Quarantine			Finished
	Sum	Home	Institution	
Total	2,562	2,063	499	13,008
Increase or decrease (June 28)	95	104	- 9	50

### □ Message from the Korean government

-We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all those under home quarantine or released from home quarantine for their efforts to comply with quarantine measures.

-They went or have gone through a terrible ordeal, isolating themselves for 14 days from the outside in order to protect their neighbors and the community.

-We would like to stress that their great sacrifice deserves the encouragement and appreciation of their neighbors and the community.

-Those released from home quarantine are no longer connected to MERS, and can get back to their daily life without any problem.

-So, we ask that the general public will extend support to them.

□ Update on Kaiser Rehabilitation Hospital (Guri)

-Vice-chairman Ryu So-yeon and Program director Han Su-ha of the Korean Society for Healthcare-associated Infection Control and Prevention and Sunmoon University professor Cha Gyeong-suk visited the hospital, as advisory committee members of the Immediate Response Team, between June 26 and June 27.

- They, wearing protective clothing, educated on how to disinfect the hospital from 9 a.m., and remained on the scene until disinfection was finished at 10 p.m.

-The Korean government shows its sincere appreciation to those experts for their support, and employees of the Guri City Hall and Community Health Center for their hard work.

□ The findings of investigation into potential contacts

-After epidemiological investigation through interview, analysis of records

and CCTV footage, 4,825 individuals were found to have direct or indirect contact with the 173<sup>rd</sup> MERS case.

-Depending on the findings, 394 out of the 4,825 contacts will be put under home quarantine; 137 will be transferred to isolated rooms in medical institutions; 4,294 will be actively monitored.