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Regular Briefing of Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters on COVID-19

- ▲ Campaign plan for COVID-19 medical workers, and
- ▲ the preparation for the 2nd meeting of Life Quarantine Committee, etc.

- The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters** held a meeting today **presided over by Head Chung Sekyun** (Prime Minister) along with the central government and 17 cities and provinces to discuss agendas including the **▲ campaign plan for COVID-19 medical workers** at a video conference room of 1-dong, Government Complex Sejong.
- Head Chung** stressed, at the meeting, it is essential to listen to and reflect opinions from the field in the transition to the so-called “daily life quarantine system” to enhance the effectiveness and instructed relevant ministries to sufficiently gather opinions from local governments and experts.



- He also urged related organizations to prepare and take measures to **ensure that there is no disruption** in providing lessons since **all classes are opened online except for 1st to 3rd graders in elementary schools.**

1 Campaign plan for COVID-19 medical workers

- The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters announced that it will **launch a campaign to cheer on medical workers and boost their morale and pride** who have been **on the forefront of fighting** against COVID-19.
- A **national campaign**, the so-called **“Thanks_Challenge”**, will be implemented which was named in the sense that we are overcoming COVID-19 **“thanks to medical workers.**

* The official channel of the campaign “Thanks_Challenge”: http://www.instagram.com/thanks_challenge/

- **The symbolic images of the campaign** were created by using **sign languages** meaning “respect” and “pride”, and **anyone can join** the campaign **by posting a photo utilizing these gestures below on Instagram, a social networking service.**

	
<p>(For public) Symbolic gesture using a sign language "respect"</p>	<p>(For medical staff) Symbolic gesture using a sign language "pride"</p>

- Hereafter, the image will be **made into a badge** in order to give it to the public and medical workers who **participated in the SNS campaign**, and a video image to express gratitude to medical workers will be **produced by using videos and photos the public has uploaded**.
- The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters expressed **gratitude to all medical workers for their dedication and hard work in fighting to contain COVID-19** in the field despite many difficulties, and asked the public to join **the campaign with diverse and creative ideas** to cheer on and encourage medical workers.

2	Preparations for the 2nd meeting of Life Quarantine Committee
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- The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters said that it will hold the second meeting of **Life Quarantine Committee** (co-chaired by Minister Park Neunghoo of Health and Welfare and President Lee Yoon-Seong of Korea Health Personnel Licensing Examination Institute) **on April 16 (Thursday) at 11:00 a.m.**, following the first meeting held on April 10.

- **At the first meeting, many discussions were made on the possibility and timing of, and prerequisites and preparations for the transition to the “daily life quarantine system”.**
- **In particular, there have been concerns that a sudden end of social distancing could lead to mass infections** although recent figures related to COVID-19 seem to come to a lull with a slight drop in the number of new infections.
- **All 18 committee members will attend** the meeting, which will held at the conference room located on the 22nd floor of Kukje Electronics Center to **discuss how we should prepare for the future after the implementation of social distancing campaign** which is scheduled to end on the upcoming Sunday.
- **Minister Park Neunghoo of Health and Welfare** (Vice head 1 of the Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters) stressed at the meeting, “Recently, fewer than 30 new cases are reported a day **but there are still cases whose sources of infection remain unidentified. Therefore, we should not let our guard down and loosen up our containment efforts.**”
- He also said, “I hope at today’s meeting, we will **have in-depth discussions** on not only details about daily life quarantine system but **how we could cope with the relevant concerns.**”