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

- ▲ The current status of transport support for overseas entrants, and
▲ the progress of online school opening, 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 **▲ current status of transport support for overseas entrants** and the **▲ progress of online school opening, etc.** at a video conference room in Government Complex Seoul.
- Head Chung instructed**, at the meeting, relevant ministries and local governments to **remain on high alert over new cases imported from a broad and thoroughly prepare for the inflows**, adding that **the number of confirmed cases imported from abroad exceeds that of local communities.**

- He also said that regarding **the online school opening**, there would be **a lot of trials and errors** as lower graders in elementary schools are unfamiliar with **information technology (IT) devices** and have **short attention spans during classes**, requesting to **put utmost effort to provide more effective online classes**.

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Current status of transport support for overseas entrants

- The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters has been **implementing transport support measures** for entrants from abroad to prevent the potential transmission during **their travel from Incheon International Airport to local cities**, starting from March 22 (sun).
- Using **a personal vehicle is highly recommended when returning home** for overseas entrants but in case it is not available, they should **use the designated airport limousine buses or KTX cars** which overseas entrants **exclusively use**. Using **AREX and city-buses is not permitted**.
- Designated airport buses travel to a total of **38 regional hub-stations** for metropolitan areas (117 times per day on average). In the case of long-distance stations, overseas entrants **travel to Gwangmyeong Station** on a designated shuttle bus and then **to the local hub-stations by KTX** (an exclusive compartment for overseas entrants, 45 times per day). Once arriving at the local hub-stations, local government officials support their travel from the stations to the final destinations such as health centers or homes.

○ In addition, the authorities **run taxis*** with strengthened quarantine measures applied **for entrants from abroad** to block the virus infections. From today, the arrival time of late-night international flights will be adjusted from 22:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. - 20:00 p.m., which will enable overseas entrants to use KTX or airport limousines without a need to wait long at Incheon Airport.

* ① Separate platforms for inbound travelers and the general public; ② Taxis with quarantine measures applied such as installing plastic partitions or wearing protective clothing are exclusively permitted to enter the platform for overseas entrants.

□ The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters announced it will **continue to thoroughly manage the transport support for overseas entrants**, saying that “Given that the car or taxi utilization rate by overseas entrants has increased by about 1.5 times compared to usual, it seems that **they are trying not to contact with other people as much as possible.**”

* Current status of transport used by overseas entrants (April 1~15, 71,862 people in total): car·taxi 60% (43,104), exclusive airport bus 19.8% (14,265), shuttle bus and KTX 15.4% (11,051), chartered bus 3.6% (2,611), others 1.2% (831)

2 The progress of online school opening

※ The Ministry of Education plans to provide a separate briefing on this information.

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Interim results of collecting public opinions on daily life quarantine system

- In March**, the Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters conducted an online survey (2,200 people participated) to find out **what the public actually wondered regarding life quarantine**, and **gauged valuable opinions from the public** and reflected them in the process of developing guidelines.
- Following the recent public opinion gathering, **the authorities have been conducting an online survey for two weeks from April 12 (Sun) to 26 (Sun)** to actively collect questions and suggestions on **core rules of daily life quarantine**.
 - * Core rules: ① Take a rest at home for 3~4 days if you feel sick; ② Keep a distance of two arms-length from others; ③ Ventilate and disinfect surroundings regularly; ④ Wash your hands often and thoroughly and cover your mouth with sleeve when coughing; ⑤ Be together in the mind while keeping the physical distance.
 - So far, **5,135 people** (as of 13:00 p.m., April 15) haven **taken part in this survey**, and provided **various opinions on key rules of daily life quarantine at the institutional and social levels**.
- The authorities will continue to collect more opinions from the public and **actively reflect** them in developing **sustainable quarantine guidelines**.
 - **Any Korean citizen can participate** in the survey through the official websites of COVID-19 (ncov.mohw.go.kr), the Ministry of Health and Welfare (www.mohw.go.kr), and the ministry's social networking sites

(Facebook, Naver blog, etc.).

- In addition, it is allowed to deliver opinions by using “Google Questionnaire Form (<http://bitly.kr/vAaTwiqv>)” which does not require an additional sign-up. Gifts will be provided for those giving opinions by lot.