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

- ▲ Plan for stronger promotion of Policy Response Package to COVID-19, 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 review the current status of COVID-19 outbreak and actions taken, and discussed agendas including the **plan for stronger promotion of Policy Response Package to COVID-19** at a video conference room in Government Complex Seoul.
  
- Head Chung requested, at the meeting, each local government, in the era of decentralization, to find out what is necessary to prevent and control infection and address economic problems with autonomy and independence, and exercise creativity to bring solutions tailored to local conditions.

- In addition, he directed the relevant ministries such as the Ministry of SMEs and Startups to **strengthen the promotion of video export consultation small and medium-sized enterprises are carrying out for small businesses** in order to make sure **those small businesses in need do not miss out on that consultation**
- At the meeting, he also encouraged officials for working hard to **contain forest fire in Andong, Gyeongbuk**, requesting related officials to **put hard efforts to suppress any remaining flames and prevent it from reigniting again.**

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**Plan for stronger promotion of Policy Response Package to COVID-19**

- The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters prepared and discussed the **“plan for stronger promotion of 「Policy Response Package to COVID-19」 ”** to enhance the effectiveness of the government measures against COVID-19 by making it easier for the general public, local governments, economic organizations and the media to access **the contents of the major measures.**
- In order to strengthen the promotion of **policy response to COVID-19**, each ministry **drew up a plan to enhance the promotion for its own measures.**
  - These plans were presented to the **policy review meeting** (presided over by the First Vice Minister of Economy and Finance) **on April 24** for **pre-coordination and discussion.**

- In the future, each ministry plans to **strengthen customized promotions of the government policy tailored to each beneficiary** so that **small business owners, workers and affected companies** suffering from COVID-19 can receive **practical support**.
- Also, the promotion plans for and **related performance of each ministry's new measures** will be **checked continuously** through the **weekly policy inspection meeting**.

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**Inspections on implementation status of quarantine management for social welfare facilities**

- The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters **inspected the implementation status of the guidelines** on quarantine management against COVID-19 for social welfare facilities **in order to minimize the risk of cluster infection of social welfare facilities**.
- Prior to the inspection, the Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters **recommended “guidelines for social welfare facility” on March 20**, which presents rules such as ▲ designating infection prevention and control managers in each facility and ▲ thoroughly cleaning, disinfecting and ventilating surroundings in facilities.
- The social welfare facilities used by lots of people including the disabled and the elderly will be **inspected to check if they abide by the recommendations of the “guidelines for social welfare facility” in three steps** for two weeks **from April 16 to May 1**.
- The “self-inspection checklist” was distributed and guided **as the first**

step so that **the entire social welfare facility** could check its own **compliance**, and the self-inspection for **each facility** was **completed on April 24**.

- **In the second step, local governments** will select 10 percent of the facilities and conduct **on-site inspections**, and **in the third step, the Ministry of Health and Welfare** will push ahead with a **joint inspection** with local governments to complete the inspection on some facilities by May 1.
- The government plans to make further efforts **to minimize the risk of infection** of the disabled and the elderly, who are at high risk of COVID-19 infection and socially vulnerable.