

Korea's Fight against COVID-19

Lessons Learned & The Way Forward



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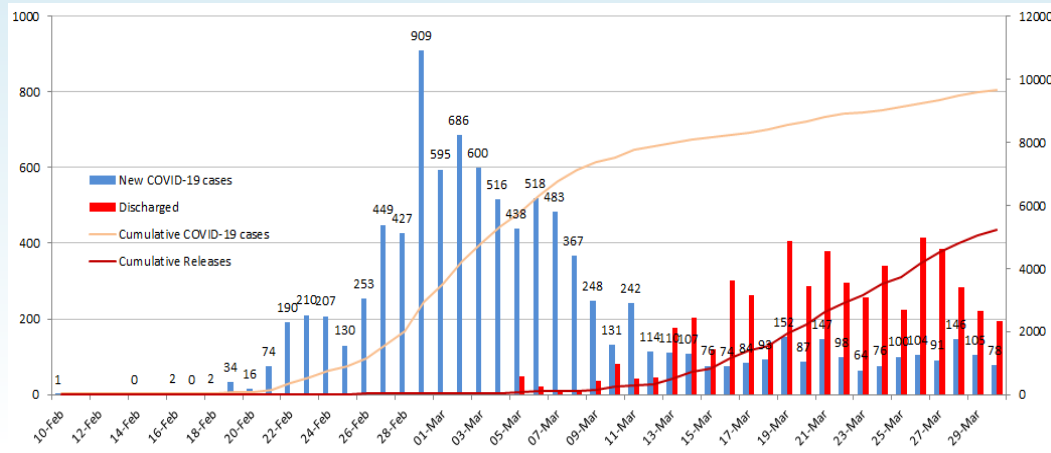
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1. Current Status of COVID-19 in Korea



- ✓ After vigorous testing and tracing, the number of new daily confirmed cases peaked in late February and has steadily declined.
- ✓ Since mid-March, the daily recovered cases have significantly surpassed new confirmed cases, reducing the number of patients in treatment.



2. Korea's Response to COVID-19



Korea is ...

- a vibrant democratic society
- reliant on int'l trade and flow of people, goods & services

and has ...

- robust health care system
- advanced ICT infrastructure
- relatively high civil responsibility

Principles

- Openness
- Transparency
- Democratic Values

Control Strategy

Preemptive,
Rigorous & Innovative

3T
TEST
TRACE
TREAT



2. Korea's Response to COVID-19

TEST, TRACE & TREAT



TEST

- ✓ Fast-track authorization of test-kits
 - ✓ Innovations in access to testing
 - ✓ Free tests for suspected patients, including foreigners
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- ✓ Mass-scale testing capacity of up to 200,000 test daily at 118 testing sites
 - ✓ 79 drive-thru testing stations
 - ✓ Walk-thru testing facilities



More than 450,000 tests completed as of 7 April



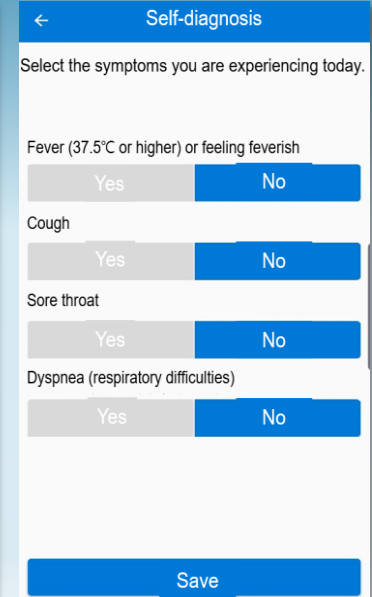
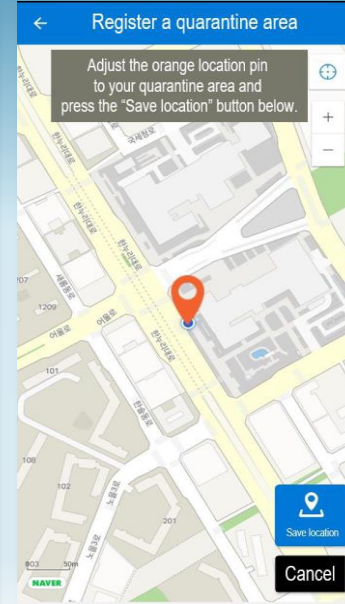
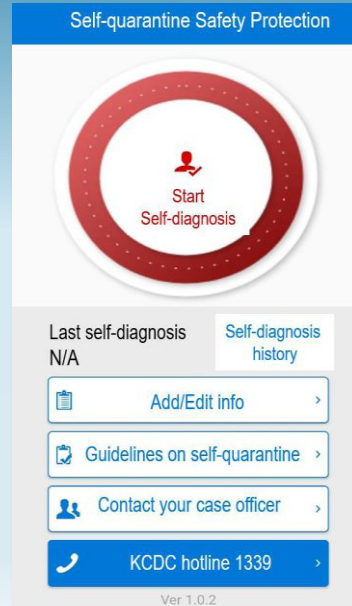
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TRACE

- ✓ Vigorous tracking of contacts
- ✓ Launching *Self-quarantine Safety and Protection App*



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TREAT

- ✓ Designation of hospitals for infectious disease for COVID-19 patients only
- ✓ Prioritization of medical resources and stratified treatment
 - mild symptoms: quarantine in Living Treatment Centers
 - from moderate to severe symptoms: care at infectious disease hospitals
- ✓ Free Treatment for all confirmed patients, including foreigners



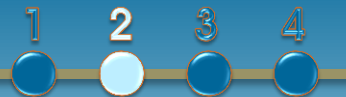
As of 7 April

- Out of approximately 10,300 confirmed cases, 6,694 have fully recovered
- COVID-19 fatality rate in Korea has been kept relatively low at 1.85%



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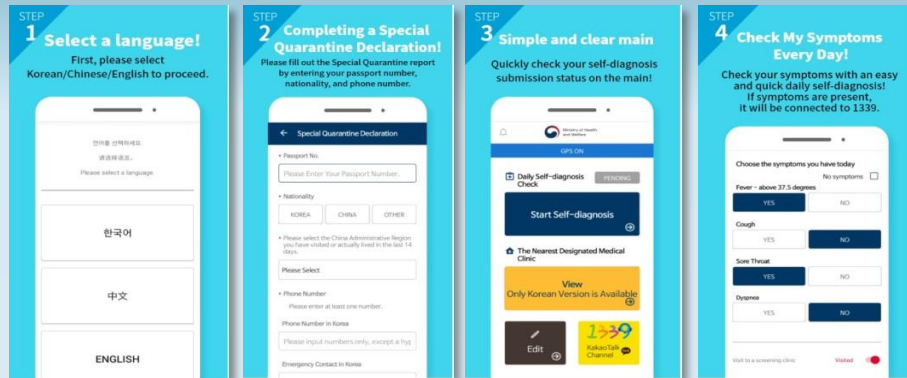
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Management of inflow & outflow of virus

✓ Inflow management

- Special entry procedure
- Mobile self-diagnosis app
- Self-quarantine of all inbound travelers



✓ Outflow management

- Banning any contacts with the confirmed patient from exiting Korea
- COVID-19 Free Airport



2. Korea's Response to COVID-19

Five Characteristics



T

Transparency

R

Robust Screening and Quarantine

U

Unique but Universally-applicable

S

Strict Control

T

Treatment



3. Lessons Learned



TRUST



Transparency

Transparent release of information both domestically & internationally

Public trust & awareness

Responsibility

Government's responsibility

Civil responsibility

United Actions

United actions by the government, research institutions & private companies

Whole-of-government approach

Science & Speed

Applying innovative technologies for a speedy response

Research and study

Policies based on scientific evidence

Together in Solidarity

Share information, best practices & lessons learned

Stand against xenophobia & discrimination

Humanitarian assistance



4. The Way Forward: Global Alliance



Global spread of COVID-19 has resulted in widespread closure of borders, disruption in the global mobility of people and goods, and the spread of panic and xenophobia

Unprecedented global crisis requires stronger solidarity and coordinated actions

"We are only as strong as the weakest health system. Global solidarity is not only a moral imperative, it is in everyone's interest. Instead of working separately, it is essential to have effective international cooperation & coordination to win against COVID-19."

Antonio Guterres
UN Secretary-General



4. The Way Forward: Global Alliance



International Coordination and Cooperation

"The Korean government has accumulated considerable experience and clinical data in the course of stemming the spread of COVID-19 and treating confirmed cases, and we are willing to actively share these with the international community."

President MOON Jae-in



Korea's contribution to global fight against COVID-19

- ✓ Sharing Korea's control strategy and lessons learned
- ✓ Closely consulting with other countries and with the WHO and the UN
- ✓ Supplying test-kits to more than 70 countries (as of 30 March)
- ✓ Providing humanitarian assistance



4. The Way Forward: Global Alliance



Proposals by Korea at the Virtual G20 Summit

- Sharing clinical data & quarantine experiences
- Working together towards developing therapeutics & COVID-19 vaccine
- Supporting nations with lesser developed healthcare systems
- Adopting expansionary macroeconomic policies and strengthening the global financial safety net
- Allowing cross-border travel for essential purposes



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Stand against xenophobia and discrimination



"The coronavirus epidemic has set off a disturbing wave of prejudice against people of Chinese and East Asian ethnicity, and I call on member states to do their utmost to combat this and other forms of discrimination."

Michelle Bachelet
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

"Governments have to take responsibility to stop the spread of fear and phobia because that is not helpful to generating the spirit of collaboration that we absolutely need to overcome this challenge together, globally."

Foreign Minister KANG Kyung-wha



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