

April 1, 2020 Novel Coronavirus Case in Tochigi Prefecture (Case No. 17)

Active Epidemiological Investigation (Report No. 2)

April 4, 2020

The confirmed results of the active epidemiological investigation of the case of novel coronavirus (Case 17) declared on April 1 in Tochigi Prefecture are as follows. *The information announced today is underlined.

【Patient Summary (Case 17)】

1. Age: 40s
2. Sex: Male
3. Residential area: Within the service area of the Prefectural South Health and Welfare Center (hereinafter “Center”)

4. Symptoms and progression:

March 27	Fever at night (39°C range)
March 28	Examined at Medical Institute A. Medical Institute A contacted the center upon recognizing symptoms of pneumonia. Samples were taken at Medical Institute A and sent to the Center.
March 29	Tested via PCR and confirmed negative.
April 1	Medical Institute A contacted the Center again when the patient’s pneumonia symptoms worsened. Samples were taken again and sent to the Center. They were tested via PCR and confirmed positive. The patient was hospitalized at a medical institution in Tochigi Prefecture and current symptoms include both fever and pneumonia.

5. Patient Behavior History

<u>March 23, 25</u>	<u>Examined at Medical Institute A (Wore a mask and traveled by car)</u>
March 27	Went to work (Wore a mask and traveled by car)
March 28	Examined at Medical Institute A (Wore a mask and traveled by car)
March 29-30	Stayed at home
March 31	Examined at Medical Institute A (Wore a mask and traveled by car)
April 1	Examined at Medical Institute A (Wore a mask and traveled by car)

6. People in Close Contact with the Patient

- No people were in close contact with the patient.

7. Philosophy on Publicizing Case Details

- We believe it is necessary to create a balance between protecting patient privacy and publicizing patient information that is needed for preventing the spread of infection.
- The patient's behavior history during the period when the infection may have been passed on to others (beginning on March 27) has been publicized within the scope necessary to prevent the spread of infection.
- In contrast, the patient's behavior history outside of the period when the infection may have been passed to others (March 26 and earlier) is not believed to be necessary for preventing the spread of infection, so it has not been publicized.

*Regarding the medical institution in question, all medical practitioners who have had contact with patients have been tested via PCR and confirmed negative.

*Information has been provided on an individual basis to those who have visited the medical institution in question, and at this time, no one has presented with symptoms.