

April 9, 2020 Novel Coronavirus Case in Tochigi Prefecture (Case No. 29)

Active Epidemiological Investigation (Report No. 1)

April 10, 2020

The confirmed results of the active epidemiological investigation of the case of novel coronavirus (Case 29) declared on April 9 in Tochigi Prefecture are as follows. \*The information announced today is underlined.

【Patient Summary (Case 29)】

1. Age: 40s

2. Sex: Male

3. Residential area: Kanuma City

4. Symptoms and progression:

April 1           Fever (38°C range), cough

April 2           Fever (38°C range)

April 3-7        Fever (37°C range)

April 7           Examined at a medical institute in Kanuma City in the evening, pneumonia suspected. The medical institute consulted with the Prefectural West Health and Welfare Center and the patient was referred to the outpatient clinic for those who have returned from overseas or been in close contact with coronavirus patients.

April 8           Examined at the outpatient clinic for those who have returned from overseas or been in close contact with coronavirus patients.

April 9           Tested via PCR and confirmed positive. Hospitalized at a medical institution in Tochigi Prefecture.

5. Patient Behavior History

\*Traveled by car and wore a mask.

March 26-27     Visited several offices within Tochigi Prefecture

March 31        Went to work at an office in Kanuma City

April 1-2        Stayed at home

April 3           Went to work at an office in Kanuma City. Visited other offices in Tochigi Prefecture in the afternoon.

April 4           Attended a dinner at a hotel outside of Tochigi Prefecture (17 attendees).

April 6           Went to work at an office in Kanuma City. Visited other offices in Tochigi Prefecture in the evening.

April 7           Visited several offices within Tochigi Prefecture. Examined at a medical

institution in Kanuma City in the evening.

April 8 Went to work at an office in Kanuma City. Afterward, examined at the outpatient clinic for those who have returned from overseas or been in close contact with coronavirus patients.

#### 6. People in Close Contact with the Patient

- Two members of the patient's family (wife and child) were in close contact with the patient.

They were tested via PCR today and confirmed negative.

- 29 colleagues from the patient's office were tested via PCR today and confirmed negative.

• The members of the offices the patient visited and the attendees of the dinner are currently under investigation.

- None in the medical facilities due to appropriate infection prevention measures.

#### 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 April 1) 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 31 and earlier) is not believed to be necessary for preventing the spread of infection, so it has not been publicized.