

April 11, 2020 Novel Coronavirus Case in Tochigi Prefecture (Case No. 33)

Active Epidemiological Investigation (Report No. 3)

April 18, 2020

The confirmed results of the active epidemiological investigation of the case of novel coronavirus (Case 33) declared on April 11 in Tochigi Prefecture are as follows. \*The information announced today is underlined.

\*Tested on the basis of having had close contact with another coronavirus patient after Case 31 was confirmed positive.

**【Patient Summary (Case 33: Husband of Tochigi Prefecture Case 31)】**

1. Age: 70s
2. Sex: Male
3. Residential area: Nasushiobara City
4. Symptoms and progression:

April 8	Cough present, examined at Medical Institute A in Nasushiobara City (wore a mask).
April 9	Cough
April 10	Samples collected.
April 11	Tested via PCR and confirmed positive. Hospitalized at a medical institution in Tochigi Prefecture.

5. Patient Behavior History

- No activity or contact that would notably increase the risk of infection.
- Stayed home after wife (Case 31) was confirmed positive on April 9 on the basis of having had close contact with a confirmed coronavirus patient.
- Stayed home on April 8 other than for medical examination.

6. People in Close Contact with the Patient

- Two members of the patient's family (the patient's daughter (Case 41) and the daughter's husband) were in close contact with the patient. They were tested on April 11 via PCR and confirmed negative. Afterward, the daughter began showing symptoms (fever and headache) and was tested via PCR a second time on April 16 and confirmed positive and hospitalized at a medical institution in Tochigi Prefecture. The daughter's husband was tested via PCR a second time on April 18 and confirmed negative.
- 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 8) 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 (April 7 and earlier) is not believed to be necessary for preventing the spread of infection, so it has not been publicized.