

April 16, 2020 Novel Coronavirus Case in Tochigi Prefecture (Case No. 42)

Active Epidemiological Investigation (Report No. 2)

April 18, 2020

The confirmed results of the active epidemiological investigation of the case of novel coronavirus (Case 42) declared on April 16 in Tochigi Prefecture are as follows. \*The information announced today is underlined.

\*After Case 37 (April 14) was confirmed positive, the patient contacted the Prefectural South Health and Welfare Center to report feeling ill and was tested.

【Patient Summary (Case 42: Colleague of Tochigi Prefecture Case 37)】

1. Age: 50s
2. Sex: Male
3. Residential area: Tochigi City
4. Symptoms and progression:

April 14            Patient felt fatigued and contacted the Prefectural South Health and Welfare Center (hereinafter “Center”). The patient was referred to the outpatient clinic for those who have returned from overseas or been in close contact with coronavirus patients.

April 15            Examined at the outpatient clinic for those who have returned from overseas or been in close contact with coronavirus patients. Samples collected at the Center.

April 16            Tested via PCR and confirmed positive.

April 17            Hospitalized at a medical institution in Tochigi Prefecture.

5. Patient Behavior History

\*Used a car for transportation

- No history of travel overseas or outside of Tochigi Prefecture.
- Was in close contact with Case 37 for about three hours on April 11. Both wore masks. No contact afterward.
- Went to work only during the morning at a different workplace from Case 37 on April 14 (Workplace A). After returning home, shopped briefly at a supermarket in the city with his mother (The patient’s mother and the store staff wore masks; the patient did not).
- Did not go to Workplace A on April 15. Went out in the city briefly (wore a mask and did not have close contact with anyone in particular).
- Stayed home afterward except for medical examinations and did not take any action or have

any contact that would notably increase the risk of infection.

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

- The patient's mother was in close contact with the patient. The patient's mother and two colleagues from Workplace A were tested via PCR 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 14) 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 13 and earlier) is not believed to be necessary for preventing the spread of infection, so it has not been publicized.