

April 22, 2020 Novel Coronavirus Case in Tochigi Prefecture (Case No. 52)
Active Epidemiological Investigation (Report No. 1)

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The confirmed results of the active epidemiological investigation of the case of novel coronavirus (Case 52) declared on April 22 in Tochigi Prefecture are as follows. The information announced today is underlined.

【Patient Summary (Case 52)】

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

April 15	Discomfort in the chest
April 16-21	Cough
April 20	Contacted the Prefectural North Health and Welfare Center (hereinafter “Center”) and underwent testing at the special clinic for recent returnees from overseas and people who have been in close contact with coronavirus patients.
April 21	Samples collected at the Center.
April 22	Tested via PCR and confirmed positive.
April 23	<u>Hospitalized at a medical institution in Tochigi Prefecture.</u>

5. Patient Behavior History

- Attended the same social event as another novel coronavirus patient on April 7 (Three out of five participants have tested positive, including this case.)
- Stayed at home with the exception of visits to medical facilities beginning on April 13.
- No history of travel overseas or outside of Tochigi Prefecture.

6. People in Close Contact with the Patient

- Family members (wife and son) were in close contact with the patient. They were tested on April 22 via PCR and confirmed negative.
- As of April 23, the other two participants in the social event on April 7 have not shown symptoms. Once 14 days have passed since their last contact with the patient, their health observation will be concluded. No others have been in close contact with the patient.
- 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 13) 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 12 and earlier) is not believed to be necessary for preventing the spread of infection, so it has not been publicized.