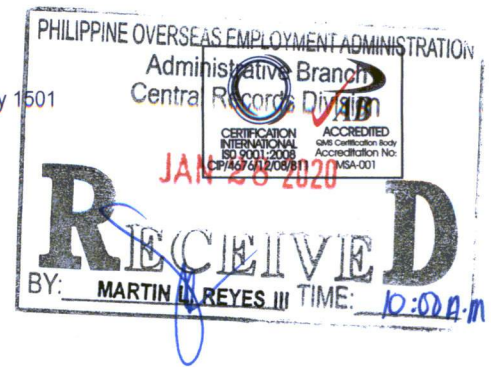




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Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) Information and Advice on the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Outbreak originating from Wuhan, China

The Republic of Korea has confirmed the first imported case of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) from Wuhan, Hubei Province, China on 20 January 2020.

The case is a Chinese woman in her 30s residing in Wuhan, China. She developed fever and headache on 18 January 2020. She visited a local hospital in Wuhan and was diagnosed with cold. The case was detected by a thermal scanner during entry screening conducted at the Incheon International Airport with fever. The case was transferred to a national designated isolation hospital for testing and treatment.

Since 03 January 2020, the Korean health authority has strengthened surveillance for pneumonia cases in health facilities nationwide. Quarantine and screening measures have been enhanced for travelers from Wuhan at the point of entry.

The KCDC advises travelers to China to avoid unprotected contact with wild animals including poultry. It is recommended to avoid unnecessary visits to local markets and health facilities. In addition, anyone entering Korea within 14 days after visiting Wuhan, China should submit the health questionnaire and report to quarantine officers if they are experiencing fever or respiratory symptoms. If such symptoms are developed within 14 days after returning, he or she should call the KCDC Call Center at 1339 or get a consultation at a local health facility.

Health facilities should take travel history when a patient with respiratory symptoms comes in and report to KCDC Call Center if there are symptoms suggestive of novel coronavirus infection.

KCDC also reminds the public of washing their hands frequently, practicing cough etiquette, wearing a mask when visiting health facilities for respiratory symptoms, and providing travel history.

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Filipino workers residing and working in Korea are advised to follow the same precautionary measures.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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