

# Coronavirus (COVID-19), Republic of Korea

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## Overview of Social Distancing System

### Key Points of the Revised Social Distancing Plan

Classification	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Definition	Contained and Stable	Local Transmission / Cap on Gathering Size	Regional Transmission / Ban on Gatherings	Full-Blown Nationwide Transmission / Ban on Going Out
Decision/Adjustment authorities	<i>Si/gun/gu</i> , city/province, CDSCH	<i>Si/gun/gu</i> , city/province, CDSCH	<i>Si/gun/gu</i> , city/province, CDSCH	CDSCH
Criteria	<p>&lt; 1 case per 100,000 people (weekly average)</p> <p>Nationwide: &lt; 500</p> <p>Greater Seoul: &lt; 250</p>	<p>≥ 1 case per 100,000 people (weekly average &gt; threshold for 3+ days)</p> <p>Nationwide: ≥ 500</p> <p>Greater Seoul: ≥ 250</p>	<p>≥ 2 cases per 100,000 people (weekly average &gt; threshold for 3+ days)</p> <p>Nationwide: ≥ 1,000</p> <p>Greater Seoul: ≥ 500</p>	<p>≥ 4 cases per 100,000 people (weekly average &gt; threshold for 3+ days)</p> <p>Nationwide: ≥ 2,000</p> <p>Greater Seoul: ≥ 1,000</p>

Classification	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Private gatherings	Comply with COVID-19 protocols	Up to 8 people (gatherings of 9+ prohibited)	Up to 4 people (gatherings of 5+ prohibited)	Up to 2 people after 18:00 (gatherings of 3+ prohibited) ※*Private gatherings of up to 4 persons permitted until 18:00
	Fully/partially vaccinated people not counted for immediate family gatherings Fully vaccinated people not counted for private gatherings (except Level 4)			
Events	500+ people only with advance reporting to local authorities	100+ people prohibited	50+ people prohibited	Events prohibited
	Fully vaccinated people not counted for events			
Assemblies	500+ people prohibited	100+ people prohibited	50+ people prohibited	Prohibited except 1-person protests
	Fully vaccinated people not counted for assemblies			

## Group 1 Facilities

Classification	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Group 1 Facilities	1 person per 6㎡ (dance/nightclubs: 1 per 8㎡)	1 person per 8㎡ (Level 2-3) 1 person per 8㎡ (Level 2-3)		Gatherings prohibited
	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 24:00	Restricted to 22:00	
	(gamsung jujeom, hunting pocha) No singing or dancing other than at seats (Level 1-3)			

Classification	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Colatek/Dance halls	1 person per 8m <sup>2</sup>	1 person per 10m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-3)		
	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 24:00	Restricted to 22:00	
	Food consumption at venue prohibited (Level 1- )			
Holdem pub/game centers	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>	1 person per 8m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-3)		
	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 24:00	Restricted to 22:00	

## Group 2 Facilities

Classification	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Restaurants/Cafes	1m between tables, one seat/table space apart, or partitions between tables (50m <sup>2</sup> + facilities) (Level 1-4)			
	Business hours not specified	Only take-out and delivery permitted after 24:00	Only take-out and delivery permitted after 22:00	Only take-out and delivery permitted after 22:00
(Coin) Singing rooms	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>	1 person per 8m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-4)		
	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 24:00	Restricted to 22:00 (Level 3-4)	
	Food consumption at venue prohibited (Level 1-4)			
Public baths	Public baths	1 person per 8m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-4)		
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00 (Level 3-4)	

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Indoor sports facilities	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup> (1 person per 4m <sup>2</sup> for sports gyms/GX facilities)	1 person per 8m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-4) (1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup> for sports gyms/GX facilities)		
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified - Swimming pool facilities restricted to 22:00	Restricted to 22:00

Classification	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
		<p>Sports gyms: Restrictions on sports that involve direct physical contact between players (recommended)(sparring, competition, tournament, etc.)</p>	<p>Table tennis: Stay for 2 hours max., doubles/competitions and shower room operation prohibited, and 2m between tables with info posted</p> <p>Badminton, tennis, squash, etc.: Stay for 2 hours max., shower room operation prohibited with info posted</p> <p>Indoor futsal/basketball, etc.: Stay for 2 hours max., no more than 1.5x the number of players for each sport (e.g., 15 indoor futsal players), competition and shower room operation prohibited with info posted</p> <p>Group exercise: Maintain music speed of 100-120bpm (replacing high-intensity aerobic exercise with low-intensity or flexibility exercise) , shower room operation banned</p> <p>Sports gyms: Sports that involve direct physical contact between players (sparring, competition, tournament, etc.) prohibited, shower room operation banned</p> <p>Fitness center: Maintain treadmill speed of 6km/hr or slower with info posted (replacing high-intensity aerobic exercise with low-intensity aerobic exercise), shower room operation prohibited</p> <p>※ In Level 4, number of players per sporting event subject to private gathering restrictions</p>	
PR centers for door-to-door and direct sales	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>	1 person per 8m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-4)		
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00 (Level 3-4)	

## Group 3 Facilities

Classification	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Private educational institutes	Keep 1 seat empty between people (except with partitions) or 1 person per 4m <sup>2</sup> (if no seat)	Keep 1 seat empty between people or 1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup> (if no seat)	Keep 2 seats empty between people or 1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup> (if no seat)	
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00
	(Wind instruments/singing) Singing and playing wind instruments only inside a partitioned space (Level 1-4), (Boarding programs) Operating under control policies such as submission of PCR test results before admission permitted (Level 2-4)			
Cinemas/ Performance theaters	No seat distancing	Business hours not specified	Keep 1 seat empty between each customer group	
			(Regular performance facilities) Subject to basic health protocols	
			(Performance in non-regular facilities) 1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup> + up to 2,000 persons	Performance prohibited in non-regular performance facilities
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00
Food consumption at venue prohibited (Level 1-4)				
Study rooms/ cafes	Keep 1 seat empty between people (except with partitions, Level 1-4)			
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00
Wedding halls	1 person per 4m <sup>2</sup> by hall/wedding	< 100 people by wedding + 1 person per 4m <sup>2</sup> by hall	< 50 by wedding + 1 person per 4m <sup>2</sup> by hall * Up to 99 people for weddings with no meals	
Funeral halls	1 person per 4m <sup>2</sup> by hall	< 100 people by hall + 1 person per 4m <sup>2</sup>	< 50 people by hall + 1 person per 4m <sup>2</sup>	

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Amusement parks	Admission not specified	70% of facility capacity	50% of facility capacity (Level 3-4)	
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00
Water parks	Admission not specified	50% of facility capacity	30% of facility capacity (Level 3-4)	
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00
Arcades/ Multi rooms	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>	1 person per 8m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-4)		
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00
Shops/ Marts/ Department stores	Food/beverage samples, any samples requiring mask removal, visitors use of resting areas, event gatherings prohibited (Level 2-4) Entry log records and management (3,000m <sup>2</sup> + stores, Level 3-4)			
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00
Casinos (for locals)	50% of facility capacity	30% of facility capacity (Level 2-4)		
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00
Internet/gaming cafes	No seat distancing	Keep 1 seat empty between people (except with partitions, Level 2-4)		
	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Business hours not specified	Restricted to 22:00

## Other Facilities

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Sports events	(Indoor) 50% of facility capacity (Outdoor) 70% of facility capacity	(Indoor) 30% of facility capacity (Outdoor) 50% of facility capacity	(Indoor) 20% of facility capacity (Outdoor) 30% of facility capacity	No spectators
	AKeep 1 seat empty between customer groups (Level 1-4) •Food consumption at venue prohibited (Level 1-3)			
Bicycle/motorboat/ horse racetrack	50% of facility capacity	30% of facility capacity	20% of facility capacity	No spectators
Museums/Galleries/ Science halls	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>	50% of 1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>	50% of 1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>	30% of 1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>
Outdoor sports facilities	<p>Required number of players only (Level 3-4)</p> <p>*Limited to max. of 1.5x required number of players per sporting event (e.g., 15 players for futsal, subject to private gathering restrictions in Level 4)</p> <p>Food consumption at venue prohibited (Level 1-4)</p>			
Lodging facilities	Follow capacity limit of guestrooms (except immediate families)	Follow capacity limit of guestrooms (except immediate families)	Follow capacity limit of guestrooms Operate 3/4 guestrooms	Follow capacity limit of guestrooms Operate 2/3 guestrooms
		Facilities hosting parties prohibited (except hall rental, Level 2-4)		
Party rooms (space rental businesses)	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>	1 person per 8m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-4)		
Libraries	70% of facility capacity	50% of facility capacity (Level 2-4)		
Kids cafes	1 person per 4m <sup>2</sup>	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-4)		

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Exhibitions/Fairs	1 person per 4m <sup>2</sup>	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-4) Pre-booking required, negative PCR test mandatory for booth staff, 2 persons max. per booth (Level 3-4)		
Massage shops/parlors	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>	1 person per 8m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-4)		
Barber shops/Beauty salons	1 person per 6m <sup>2</sup>	1 person per 8m <sup>2</sup> (Level 2-4)		
International conferences/Academic events	Keep 1 seat empty between people or 1m distance between seats	Keep 2 seats empty between people or 2m distance between seats (Level 2-3)		
		(Academic events) Up to 49 persons per space with travel routes separated (Level 3) / Up to 49 persons for each event (Level 4) (International conferences according to the International Conference Industry Promotion Act) Comply with basic health protocols (Level 1-4)		
Religious facilities	50% of facility capacity (keep 1 seat empty between people)	30% of facility capacity (keep 2 seats empty between people)	20% of facility capacity (keep 4 seats empty between people)	10% of facility capacity (up to 99 persons)
	Refrain from gatherings/events, dining, lodging *Events of 500+ people only with pre-permission from local authorities	Gatherings/events, dining, lodging prohibited *Outdoor events (< 100 people)	Gatherings/events, dining, lodging prohibited *Outdoor events (< 50 people)	Gatherings/events, dining, lodging prohibited
Schools	Comply with basic health protocols, full-time in-person classes permitted (Level 1-2)		1/3-2/3 density (2/3 max. for high schools)	Remote learning
	※ 1-week preparation period given to schools when distancing level adjusted, immediate response required when level raised (Ministry of Education)			

※ Up to 6 people including fully vaccinated people for private gatherings at homes, restaurants, and cafes in level 4 regions, up to 8 people including fully vaccinated people for private gatherings at homes and all publicly used facilities in level 3 regions.