The current COVID-19 situation and response measures in Republic of Korea



Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response

- > 24-hour / 7days EOC operation
- > Fostering field officers required for early, rapid response
 - Increased the number of EIS officers, formation of rapid response team
- > Expanding and maintaining infrastructure in preparation for possible emerging infectious disease outbreaks
 - Increased the number of isolation rooms and negative pressure isolation rooms
- > Development of emerging infectious disease manual, sharing of medical information, and strengthening of on site emergency response education exercises



About KCDC EOC (1)

History of EOC Construction

2016.3

2018.1

2019.1

Completed interior design & IT system of EOC



Temporary EOC



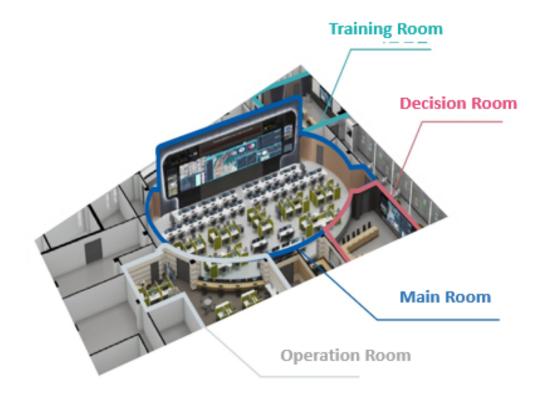
Completed EOC building





About KCDC EOC (2)

The Zone of New EOC



Training Room

Training & educating the EOC staff

Decision Room

Holding the internal risk assessment

Main Room

Operating IMS, Conducting a ER exercise Approximately 70 staff available

Operation Room

Operating watch desk 24/7, Supporting IMS



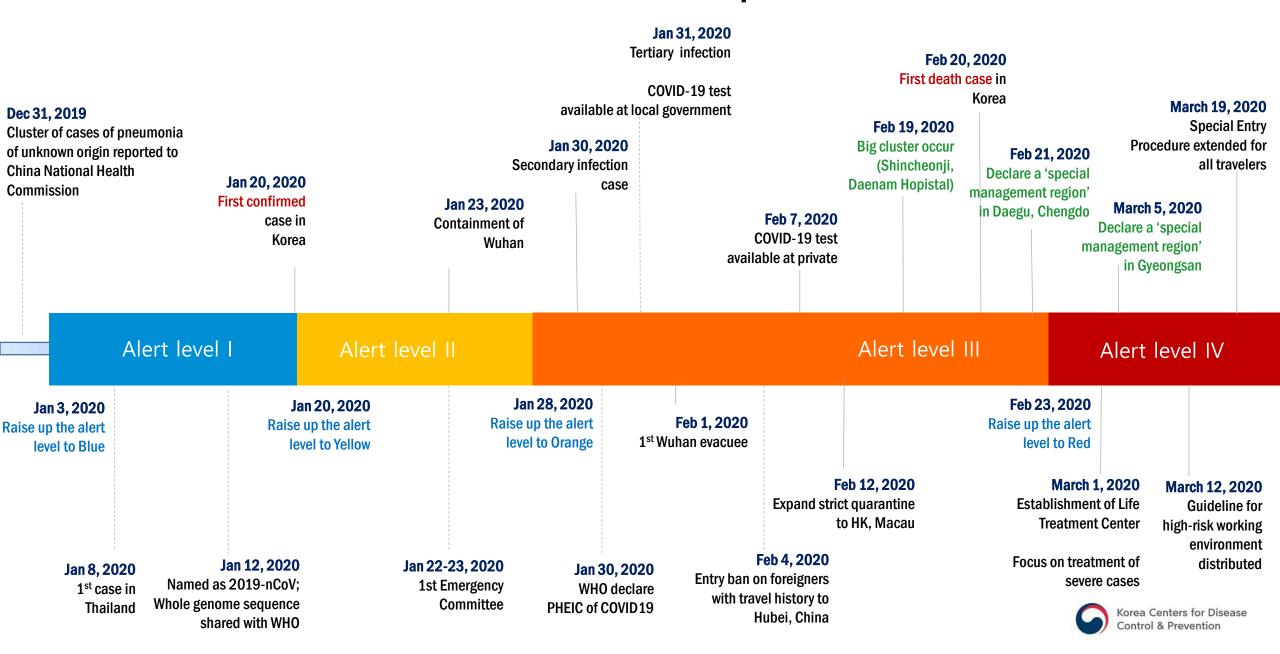
About KCDC EOC (3)

Current New KCDC EOC

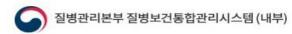


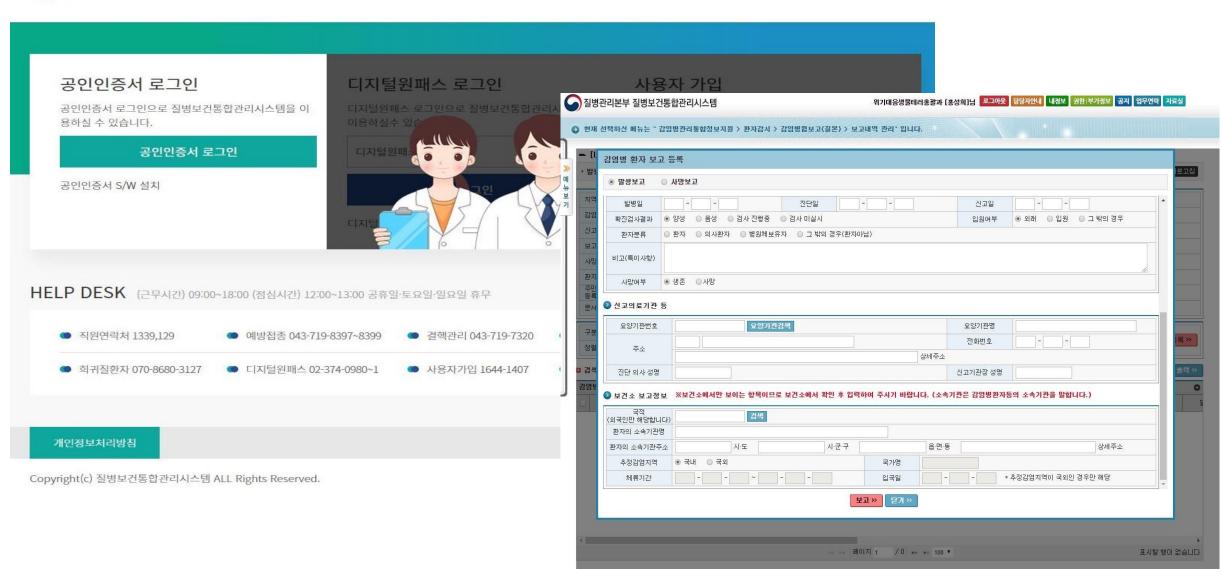


Evolution of COVID-19 in Republic of Korea



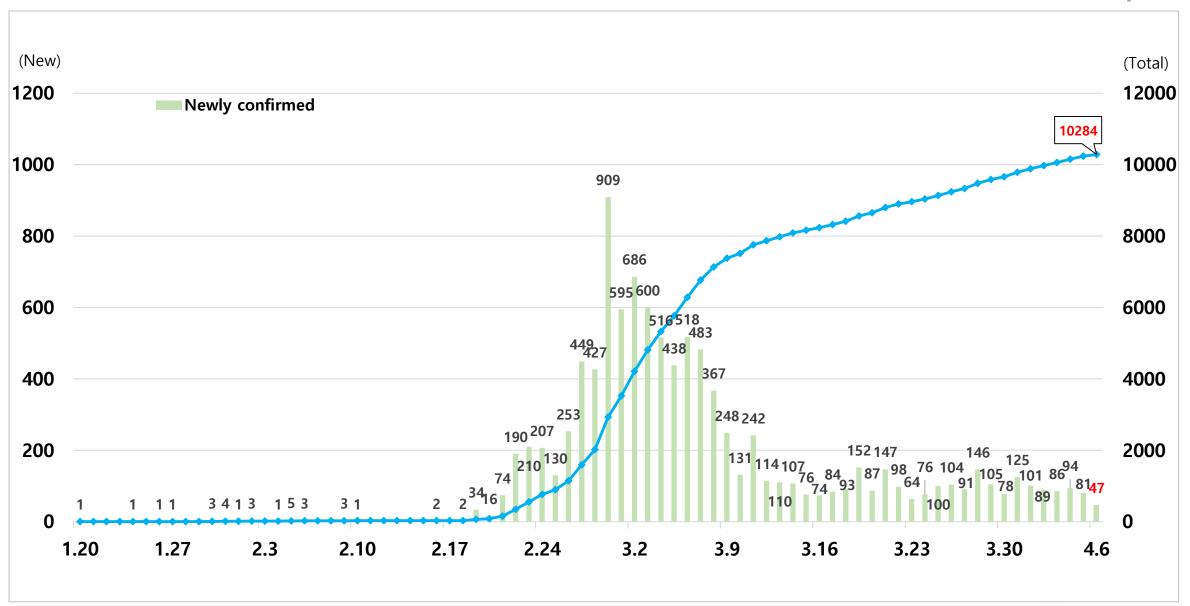
Disease and Health Portal Management System





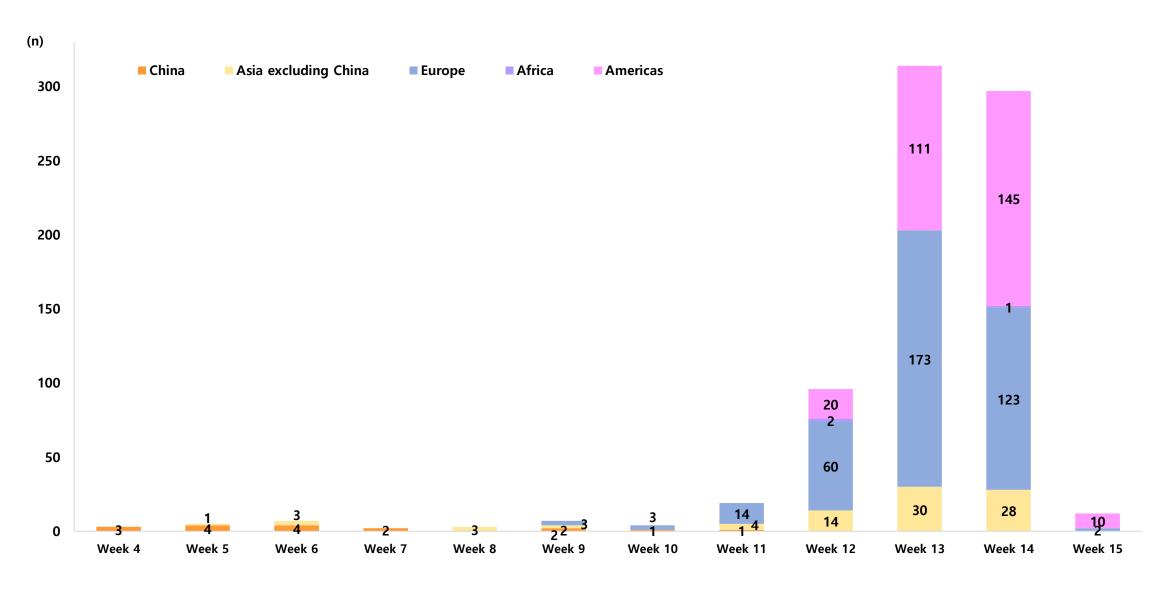
The number of confirmed cases

(as of 6 April)

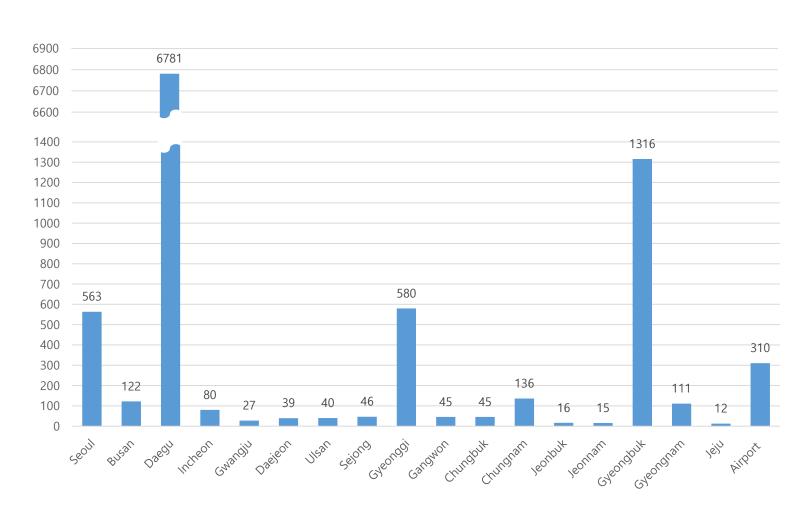




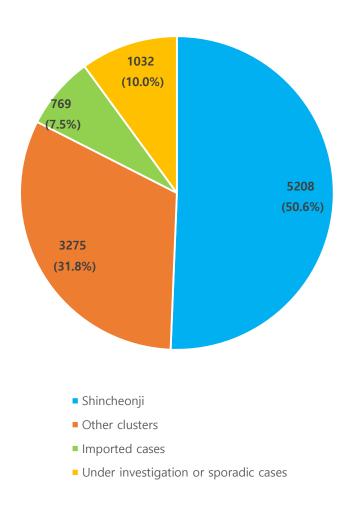
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Regional distribution

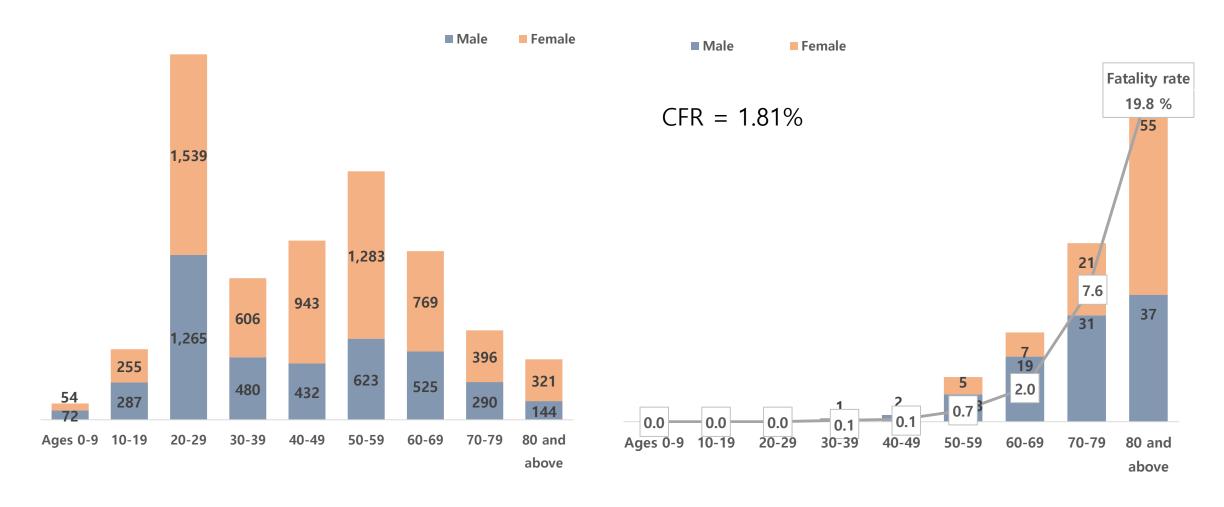


Distribution by clusters



Distribution of confirmed cases

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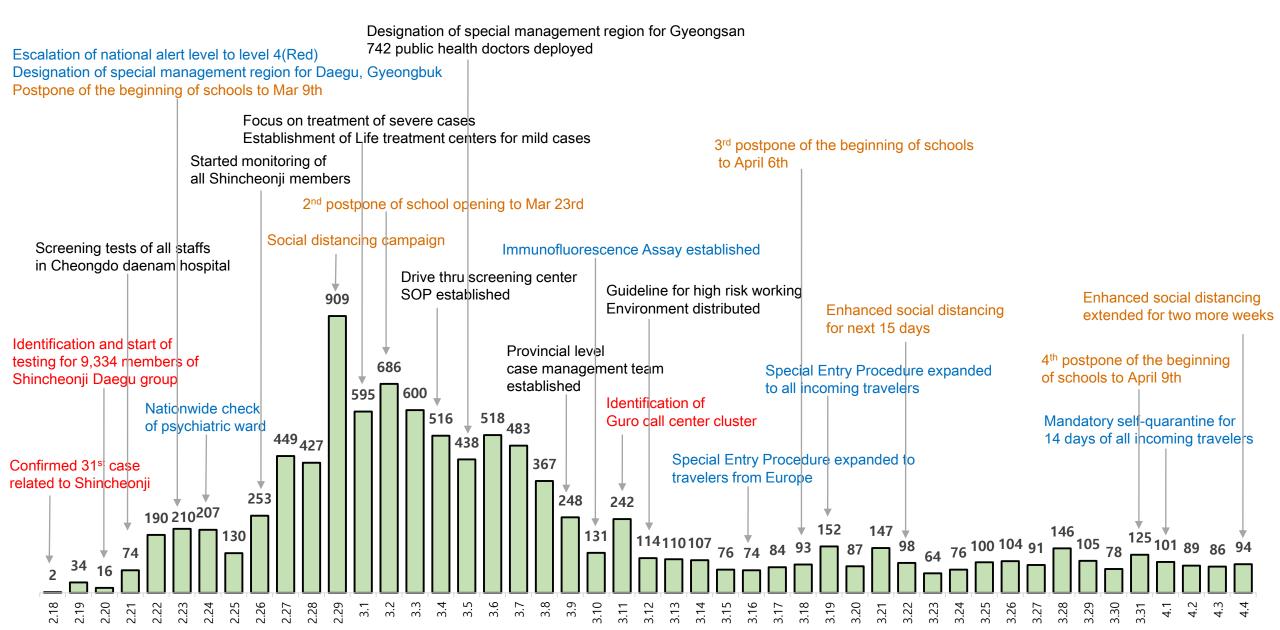


All confirmed cases

Fatal cases and fatality rate

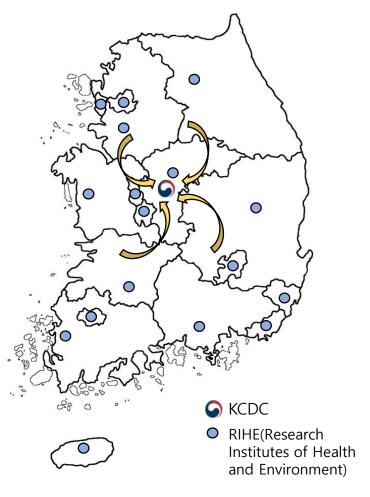


(as of 4 April)



National Laboratory System

- > Operating tiered laboratory network from the national to the local level that is evenly distributed throughout the country
 - Hospitals and other commercial facilities → 256 Public Health Centers → 18 RIHEs → KCDC
- > Establishing specimen transport arrangement
 - Specimens can be transferred to the KCDC within 24 hours for confirmatory testing
- > Development of laboratory capacity to diagnosis of infectious diseases
 - KCDC is able to test 80 nationally notifiable infectious disease(120 pathogens)
 - Developing laboratory test methods to identify unknown and emerging infectious diseases
- Operating Emergency Use Authorization(EUA) system
 - EUA permits temporary use of unapproved in vitro diagnostic devices during infectious disease outbreak



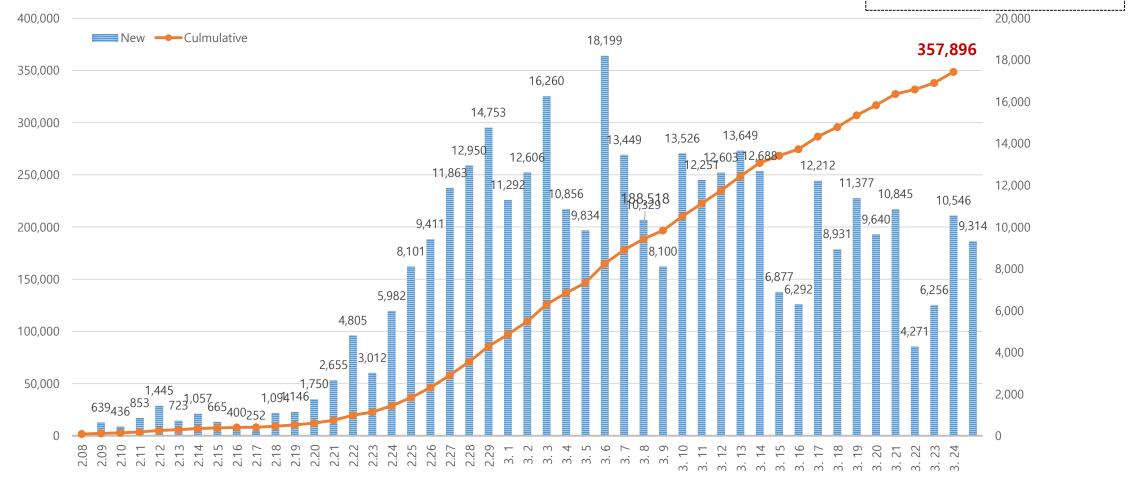


The number of Laboratory Testing (as of 25 March)

• Capacity :

Average ca. 15,000/day ~ Max. ca. 20,000/day

• Turn Around Time: 6 ~ 24hrs



Testing Institutions (Total 118):

KCDC, National Quarantine Station 4, Research Institutes of Public Health and Environment(RIPHEs) 18, Private medical Laboratories and hospitals 95



Contact tracing strategy: stepwise approach

Investigation

Risk assessment

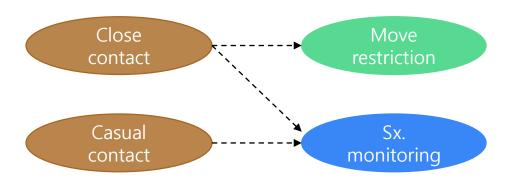
Contact classification

Contacts management

Contents

- Interview
 - Obtain information through patient interview (identify route)
 - ➤ If necessary, perform preemptive defense against infectious diseases

- Collective objective information
 - Gather additional information
 - Check and verify results of the interview
 - Perform evaluation for the classification of contacts



Method/Tool

- Interview
 - Patient
 - > Primary physician
 - > Family

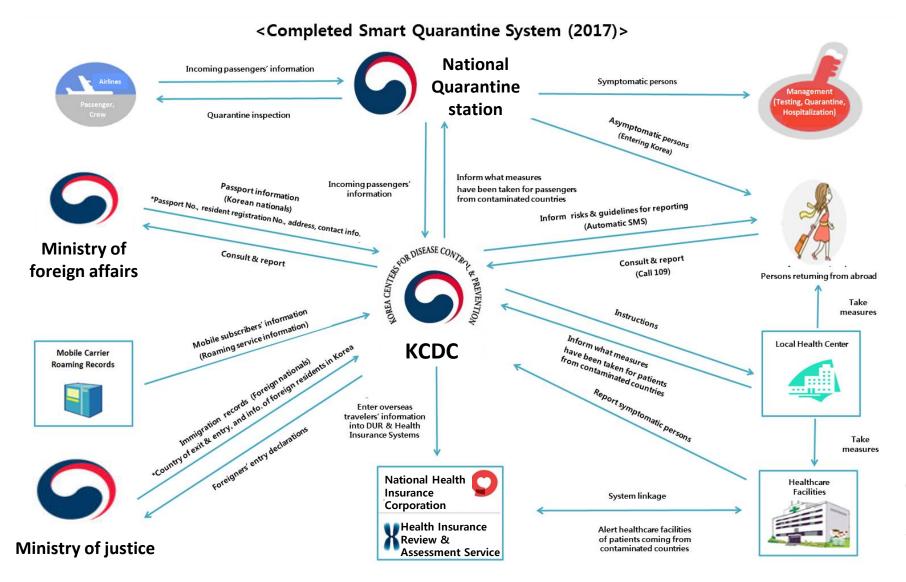


- Investigate medical records
- Phone location information (GPS mobile)
- Card transaction log
- CCTV (Closed-Circuit Television)

 Perform contacts classification and management by following guidelines



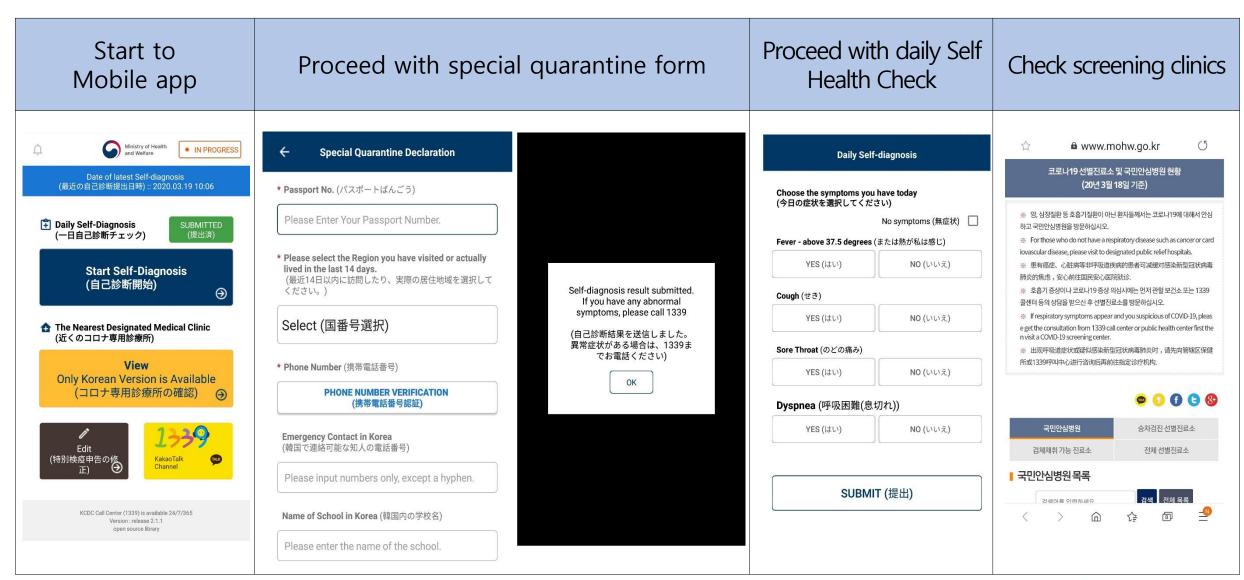
SMART quarantine information system after MERS outbreak in 2015



Quarantine process linked to relevant institution



Self Health Check Mobile App





Social distancing campaign

