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## INNOVATIVE RESPONSES TO COVID-19: CONCRETE EXAMPLES FROM KOREA



Webinar #1

# HOW CAN THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE RESPOND TO COVID-19: EXAMPLE OF THE KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY

Presentation on Korean Police's Response to COVID-19

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Presentation on UNDP Guidance on Policing  
during a COVID-19 Pandemic

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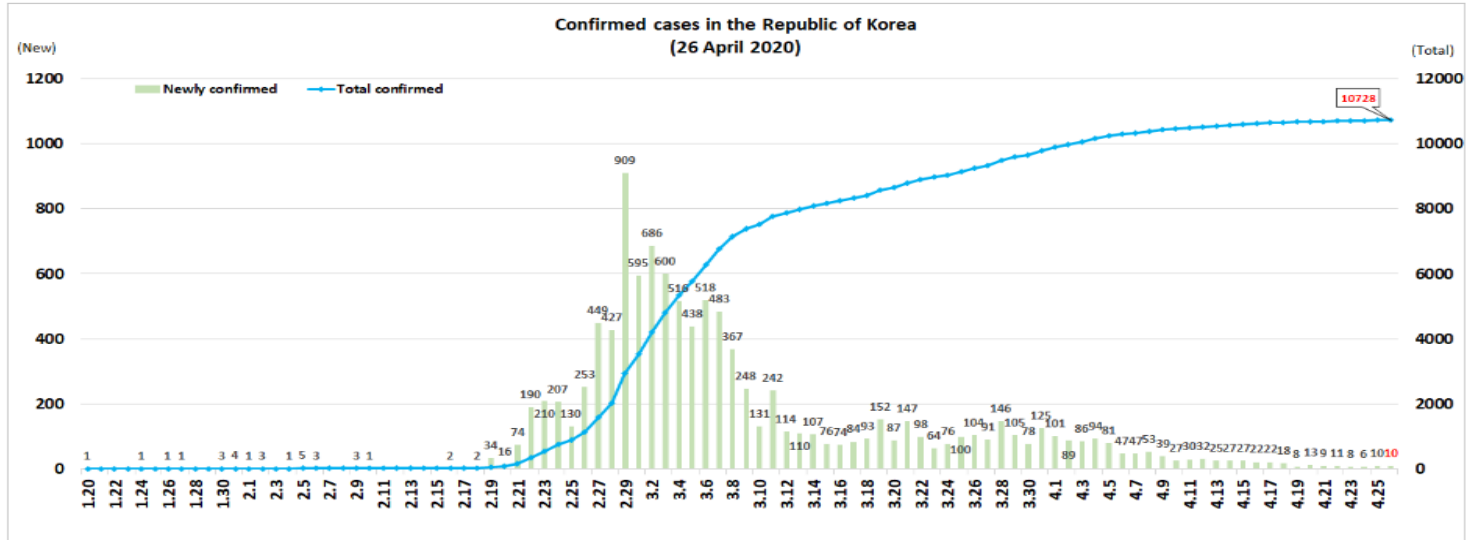
# Policing under and against COVID-19



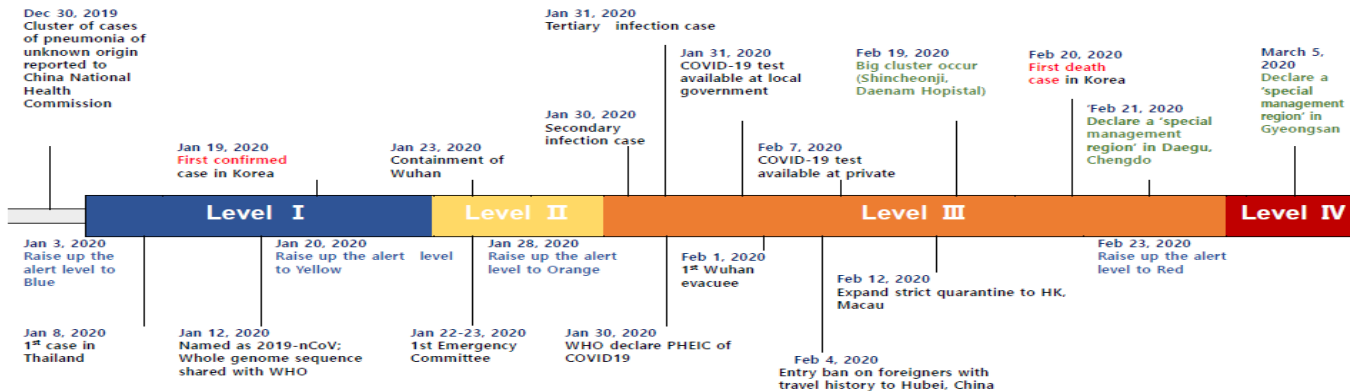
**Korean National Police Agency**

# Current COVID-19 Situation

Period (since 3 Jan)	Total	Tested positive (PCR)				Being tested	Tested negative
		Confirmed	Discharged from isolation	Under isolation	Deceased		
As of 0:00 25 April (Sat)	595,161	10,718	8,635	1,843	240	9,259	575,184
As of 0:00 26 April (S)	598,285	10,728	8,717	1,769	242	8,999	578,558
Difference	(+)3,124	(+)10	(+)82	(-)74	2	(-)260	(+)3,374

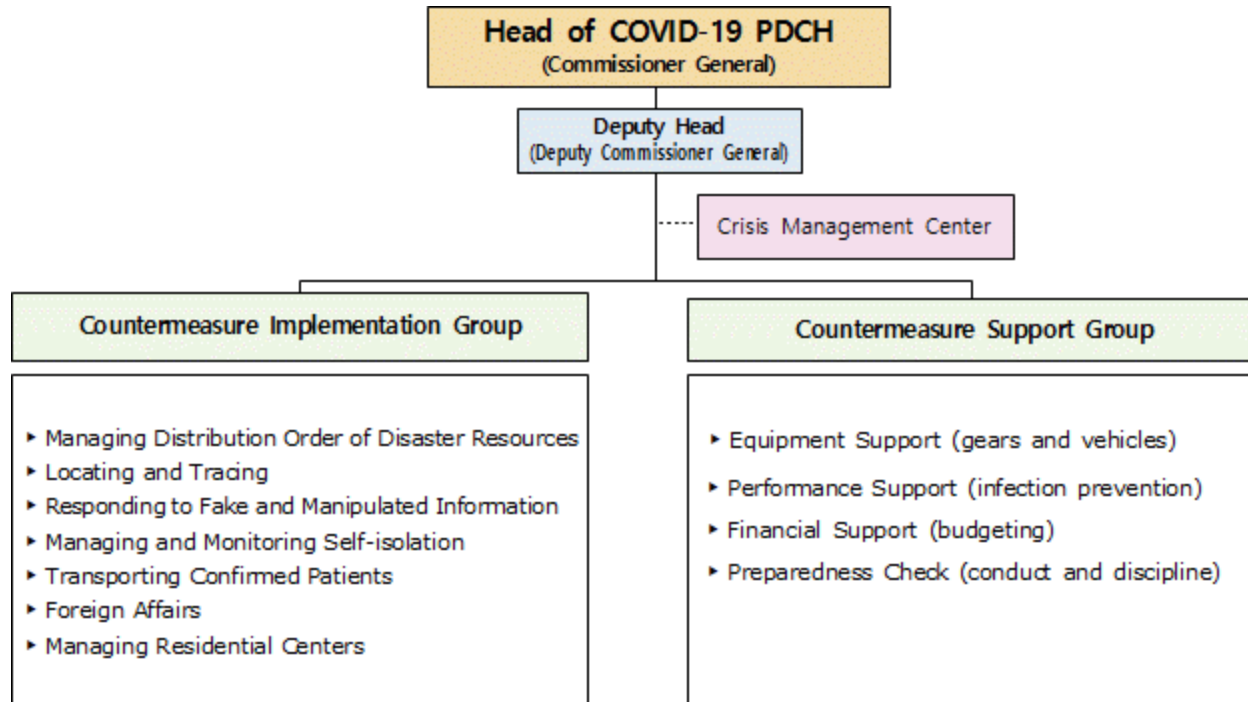


# Response System of the Korean Government



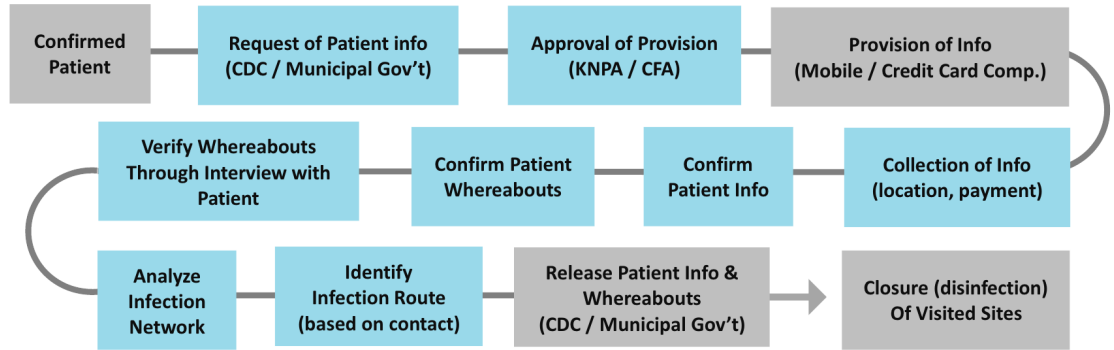
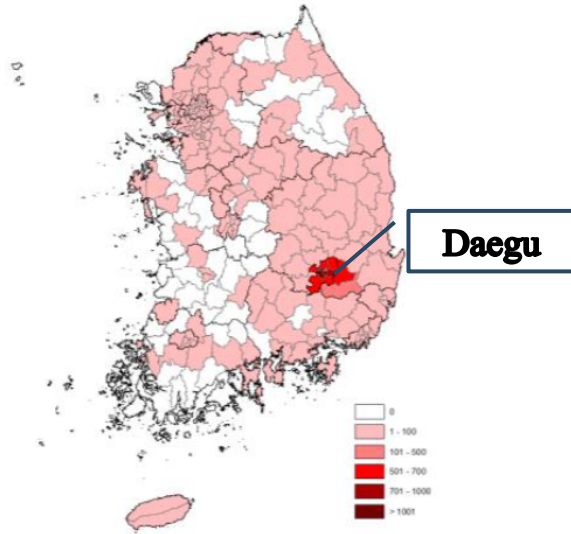


## <Structure of Police Disaster Countermeasures Headquarters>



## ✓ Tracing Suspicious Patients

<Total Reported Cases of COVID-19>



COVID-19 Epidemiology Investigation Support System

## ✓ Cracking Down Illegal Activities

### ☞ Tackling cornering of face masks

- Recovered 13 million face masks and 621 offenders charged

### ☞ Cracking down online scams

- 288 cases solved for 3 months

### ☞ Handling fake news

- 186 fake news or personal information leaks
- Ensuring freedom of expression

## ✓ Supporting Social Distancing

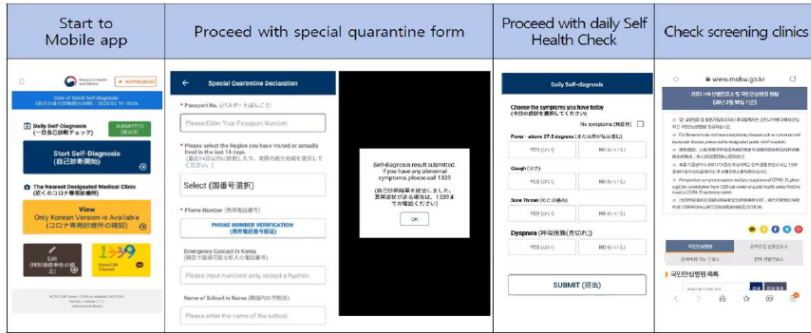
Restriction orders from local governments

⇒ Joint examination with the Police

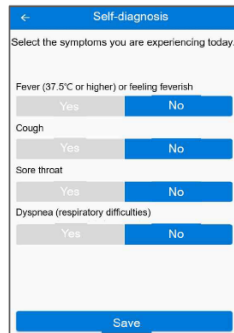
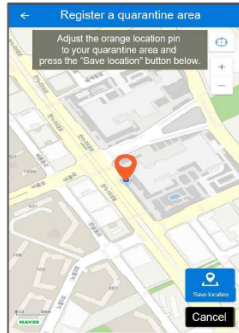
- 190,000 facilities checked by 5,500 officers



- ✓ Supporting the Management of Suspected Infections
- ✓ Monitoring of Self-isolation



⇒ Self-diagnosis App



⇒ Self-quarantine Safety App

## ✓ Securing Residential Care Center



**Escort of patient movement**



**External and internal public order**



## ✓ Protecting Police Personnel



Protection Set (Level D)



<KF94 face mask>



<Hand sanitizer>



<Sanitation glove>

- ▶(Specs) full body suit, N95 face mask, gloves, protection goggle, and galoshes
- ▶used for high-risk contamination source

## ✓ Protecting Police Personnel



【Video instruction on how to wear PPE】

### <Safety Text Message>

Please wear a face mask when you meet a police officer. Let the officer know if you have any fever, cough, or a history of contacting COVID-19 confirmed patients. Your cooperation will secure everyone's safety and facilitate the officers' service for you.

## ✓ Protecting Police Facilities



【Thermometer and hand sanitizer】



【Anti-bacterial film】



【Social distancing floor stickers】



【Dividing sectors in 112 Center】



Q&A

Thank you!



# Presentation on UNDP Guidance on Policing during a COVID-19 Pandemic

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# Extremely challenging situation for the police

- The police remains the main interface with the **population** and is involved in every stage of the emergency response
- The **role** of police officers is far from clear
- Unusual **agencies** with who the police should coordinate its response
- The police workforce and their families are seriously **threatened**
- The way of working of the institution would be **permanently affected**





## Major HR/policing issues

- **Decision making** is switching more and more to security and military
- **Human rights abuses** committed by police and military + heightened corruption
- Negative impact of the enforcement of the COVID-19 measures on the police **relationship with the communities**
- Enhanced roles of **nonstate actors** and rise of Intercommunity violence
- **Stigmatization**
- Changes in **crime patterns**
- Abuse of **technology** use

# UN/DP response to COVID-19

- **GN on Policy and legal tools to address stigma, discrimination and protect human rights in COVID19 prevention and response** (UNDP, 27 March 2020)
- **Ensuring Access to Justice in the context of COVID-19** (UNDP and UNODC, April 2020)
- **Police Planning during a COVID-19 pandemic** (UNDP and UN Police Division, April 2020)



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