

Regarding the Second Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Yamagata Prefecture

April 1st 2020

Information compiled from the Yamagata Governor's Press Conference on April 1st and the Yomiuri Shimbun on April 2nd

Today (April 1st), the second case of COVID-19 within Yamagata Prefecture was confirmed. The route of infection and details of the condition of those in close contact with the infected person are currently under investigation. Those who were in close contact with the patient, as well as their surroundings, are currently undergoing thorough epidemiological checks in order to prevent further spread of the virus.

1) Case Summary

Age	60s
Sex	Male
Occupation	Employed at the 'Hana Akari no Yado, Tsuki no Ike' Ryokan (Kaminoyama City), responsible for food preparation
Route of Infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No travel outside of Japan nor the prefecture within one month prior to infection- Route of infection still unclear, but according to the prefectural press conference held on 1st April, there is a high possibility the patient caught COVID-19 within the prefecture
Symptoms/Developments	<p>3/23 (Mon):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Full-body fatigue. Went home from work early on account of feeling ill <p>3/24 (Tues) ~ 3/27 (Fri):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Went to work as normal- On 27th, suddenly developed a fever of 38C. Visited by a doctor- Prescribed antibiotics etc. <p>3/30 (Mon):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fever of 38C- Checked in to the COVID-19 ward, and found to have developed pneumonia- Samples taken and PCR test administered by the Prefectural Health Research Center. Results negative

	3/31 (Tues): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upon being diagnosed for pneumonia, hospitalized in the Medical Institution for the Handling of Infectious Diseases - Administered a PCR test again. Results positive this time
Current condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pneumonia symptoms stable - Still hospitalized in the Medical Institution for the Handling of Infectious Diseases

2) Response

The patient's movement/travel history is under investigation. Those in close contact with him, including the four members of his family and four fellow employees from the ryokan kitchens, are being monitored and will undergo PCR testing. If any individuals develop symptoms, they are instructed to contact a medical institution as quickly as possible.

3) To the citizens of Yamagata Prefecture

Please stay calm, practice proper hygiene such as careful handwashing and cough etiquette in order to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Also, in order to prevent further spread of infection, please refrain from non-essential, non-urgent trips outside of the Prefecture for the time being.

Young people especially are urged not to go out in the evenings and to refrain from going to restaurants and drinking establishments.