

## Regarding the Third Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Yamagata Prefecture

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020

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Today (April 2<sup>nd</sup>), the third case of COVID-19 within Yamagata Prefecture was confirmed. The route of transmission 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 are currently undergoing thorough epidemiological checks in order to prevent further spread of the virus.

### 1) Case Summary

<b>Age</b>	60s
<b>Sex</b>	Male
<b>Place of Residence</b>	Shinjo City
<b>Symptoms/Developments</b>	<b>3/26 (Thurs) ~ 3/29 (Sun):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fever (38C)</li><li>- Resting at home</li></ul> <b>3/30 (Mon) :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Seen by a doctor at medical institution</li><li>- Tested for influenza. Results negative</li></ul> <b>3/31 (Tues):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- In the middle of the night, rushed to medical institution on account of pneumatic symptoms</li><li>- Checked into the Medical Institution for the Handling of Infectious Diseases</li></ul> <b>4/1 (Weds):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CT scan results show pneumonia in both lungs</li><li>- Medical institution consults with Mogami Healthcare Center</li><li>- Samples taken and PCR test administered by Prefectural Health Research Center. Results positive</li><li>- Sent to the Infectious Diseases Ward at the Murayama Healthcare Center</li></ul>
<b>Route of Transmission</b>	Currently under investigation. No apparent travel outside of Japan within one month prior to infection.

<b>For Reference</b>	<p>One close family member visited the home from Tokyo (travelling via Shinkansen) between 3/17 and 3/20. After arriving in Shinjo, they developed a fever on 3/18. They have since returned to Tokyo.</p> <p>The patient is believed to have been in close contact with at least seven family members, who are now being monitored. All family members are currently in self isolation. The condition of the member who has since returned to Tokyo is also being investigated. All family members are expected to receive PCR tests as soon as possible.</p> <p>The patient is understood to be unemployed.</p>
<b>Current Condition</b>	Hospitalized in ward for the Handling of Infectious Diseases

## 2) Response

The patient's movement/travel history is under investigation. Those in close contact with him are being monitored and will undergo PCR testing if necessary. 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.

Over the weekend, please do not gather in large groups and reduce the number of people you have contact with.