

**Regarding the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Yamagata Prefecture**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**

*Information compiled from the Yamagata Governor's Press Conference on April 5<sup>th</sup>*

The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> cases of COVID-19 within Yamagata Prefecture have been confirmed. The route of transmission and the conditions of those in close contact with the patients are currently under investigation. Those who were in close contact with the patients are undergoing thorough epidemiological checks in order to prevent further spread of the virus.

**1) Summary of Cases**

Case No. 9	<b>Age</b>	20s		
	<b>Sex</b>	Female		
	<b>Place of Residence</b>	Ōkura Mura		
	<b>Symptoms</b>	3/31 (Tues) ~ 4/1 (Weds)	Sore throat	
		4/2 (Thurs)	Slight fever, cough	
		4/3 (Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of sense of taste, cough, phlegmy</li> <li>- Seen by doctor at medical institution</li> </ul>	
		4/4 (Sat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fever (38C), headache, cough, phlegmy, blocked nose, loss of sense of taste</li> <li>- PCR test administered by Prefectural Health Research Center. Results positive</li> </ul>	
<b>Travel History</b>	No recent travel to any areas of widespread infection			
<b>Current Condition</b>	Hospitalized in a medical institution for the handling of infectious diseases			
<b>Extra Info</b>	Employed at the Suimeisou Specialist Old People's Home (Ōkura Mura). Co-worker of Case No. 5 (Shinjo City)			
Case No. 10	<b>Age</b>	20s		
	<b>Sex</b>	Male		
	<b>Place of Residence</b>	Kaminoyama City		
	<b>Symptoms</b>	3/30 (Mon) ~ 3/31	Fever (39C), sore throat	

		(Tues)	
		4/1 (Weds)	Fever (40C), cough, sore throat
		4/2 (Thurs)	Fever (38C), cough, seen by doctor at medical institution
		4/3 (Fri)	Fever in morning (38C), cough, fever subsiding around midday
		4/4 (Sat)	PCR test administered by Prefectural Health Research Center. Results positive
	<b>Extra Info</b>	Had dinner at an establishment in Yamagata City with a friend visiting from Tokyo on evening of 3/26	
	<b>Current Condition</b>	Hospitalized in a medical institution for the handling of infectious diseases	

## 2) Response

The patients' movement/travel history is under investigation. The health of those in close contact with them is under observation and PCR tests will be administered 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 careful handwashing and cough etiquette etc 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.

Please refrain from gatherings or events where people from outside the prefecture are likely to be present (e.g. religious services).