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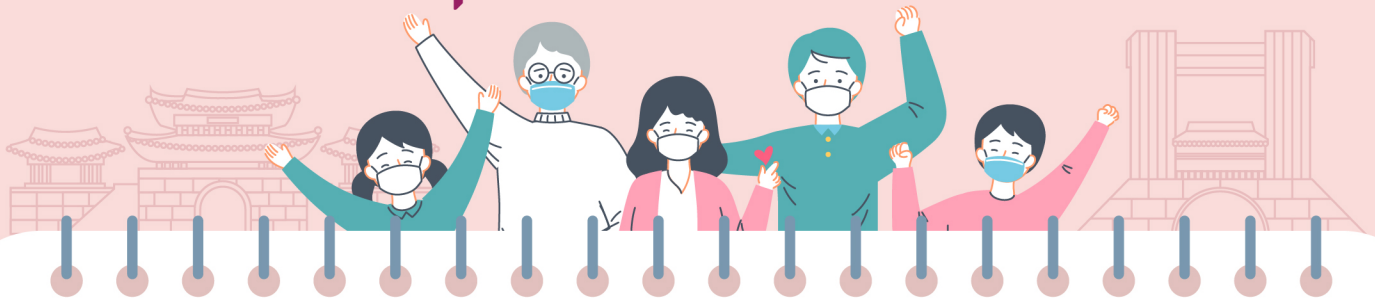
What Local Governments Need to Know: Case Study from Jeonju City South Korea

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Jeonju's COVID-19 Response Initiatives



Current Status of Jeonju

As of March 24, the total number of confirmed cases stands at 3 and only one person is still a confirmed case in Jeonju. To prevent spreading the diseases and to minimize the economic burden on individuals in our city, we have carried out some health and economic related initiatives. Some of them are originated from our city and we do hope they are helpful for other cities around the world.

Monthly Response Initiatives

January

[January 22]

Strengthened the response system of Jeonju Public Health Center for COVID-19

[January 29]

Launched a COVID-19 Disaster and Safety Countermeasures Headquarters

- Operating government-designated COVID-19 protection hospitals (three hospitals)
- Operating 24 hrs Quarantine Headquarters and Infectious Diseases Team

February

[February 1]

COVID-19 Update on City's Facebook, Kakao (Korean Instant Messaging System), Jeonju City Website, etc.

[February 4]

Set up TOD (Thermal Observation Device) at public transportation facilities including express, intercity bus terminals, train stations, etc.

[February 5]

- Added Jeonju Deokjin Public Center as a COVID-19 protection hospital (four hospitals total)
- Started a foreign language service targeting foreign residents and international tourists



[Facebook]



[TOD]

[February 6]

Launched a COVID-19 Economic Response TF Team

[February 12]

- Launched Kind Landlord Movement *Originated in the City of Jeonju
- Some landlords decided to reduce the rent burden for merchants struggling due to COVID-19.
- As of March 19, a total of 200 landlords with 500 stores decided to lower their rent by 5~20% for at least three months. [Pres.Moon mentioned this initiative that originated from our city on his Facebook page on the 17th of March to praise the efforts of the citizens of Jeonju.](#)



[Foreign Students Airport Pickup Service]



[Kind Landlord Movement]

[February 22]

Closed facilities such as swimming pools, 12 city libraries, 13 youth facilities, children centers, welfare centers, senior centers, daycare centers, etc.

[February 23]

Closed Shincheonji Church related facilities.

[February 25]

- Stopped express buses between Jeonju and Daegu, the city with the most confirmed cases in the nation and lessened the number of buses to/from other cities.
- Operation of Foreign Students Airport Pick Up Service.

[February 26]

Operation of the Jeonju Fumigation Day (every Wed.) with citizens and volunteers.



[Fumigation Day]

[February 28]

Monitoring high-risk groups of Shincheonji Church
(5,490 members and 796 trainees were monitored for 14 days)

March

[March 1]

Operation of Drive-Thru Screening Clinics

- Total 305 people have been tested
- Organizing Home Delivery of Essential Supplies to people in self-quarantine



[Drive-Thru Screening Clinics]



[Home Delivery]

[March 3]

Invited Medical School Professors as
Public Health Advisors



[Public Health Advisors]

[March 4]

Started COVID-19 Local Economic Crisis Advising Group

[March 6]

Supplied masks to 50,000 vulnerable people

[March 9]

Supplied masks to the elderly and the disabled



[March 13]

Announced Basic Disaster Income to vulnerable citizens
affected by COVID-19 * originated in the City of Jeonju

- Jeonju is the first local government in the nation to provide its vulnerable citizens with basic disaster income to help fight the COVID-19 outbreak, about 500 USD will be granted soon.

[March 13~16]

Supplied masks to low income groups,
chronic disease sufferers, and pregnant women



[Masks for Pregnant Women]