

Cluster Cases in Kutchan Town

◆ Situations that caused the clusters

Event where people gathered en masse

- The event which caused this cluster was overcrowded, so participants were unable to maintain proper social distancing. The participants also spoke in loud voices for an extended period of time

Dinner meetings at eating establishments

- A person who tested positive for COVID-19 attended a dinner meeting, and dined together with everyone at the same table.
- The above mentioned table was slightly removed from other tables and counter seats in the establishment. New cases have not been confirmed among the restaurant employees or other customers

In share houses

- Among share houses where one or more tenants tested positive, there are some instances where secondary and/or tertiary infections have been confirmed. Those cases tend to appear in situations where tenants communicate frequently with each other, and expose themselves and others via close contact in the common areas and other places in the share house.
- In share houses where close contact was kept to a minimum, no new cases have been confirmed, even though one or more tenants tested positive.

◆ These factors may have increased the risk of infection in the above mentioned cluster cases

At eating and drinking establishments

- Social distancing was not maintained
- Patrons stayed for a long time
- People in gatherings talked in loud voices while drinking alcohol

In share houses

- Social distancing was not maintained
- Long time spent with or around infected person(s)
- No masks worn

◆ Key points to prevent the virus from spreading

The risk of infection can be lowered by properly wearing masks and practicing social distancing

- Be proactive in preventative actions to avoid the risk of infection
- Thoroughly understand and implement various preventive measures, including those guidelines for business operators designated by sector



Ensure all staff wear masks and frequently wash their hands



Regularly ventilate and air out facility



Regularly sanitize and wash facility equipment



Ensure that all staff keep a safe distance



Call upon customers to follow proper cough etiquette and wash their hands