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## Exclusive: China sent team including medical experts to advise on North Korea's Kim



FILE PHOTO: South Korean people watch a TV broadcasting a news report on North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Seoul

BEIJING/SEOUL (Reuters) - China has dispatched a team to North Korea including medical experts to advise on North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, according to three people familiar with the situation.

The trip by the Chinese doctors and officials comes amid conflicting reports about the health of the North Korean leader. Reuters was unable to immediately determine what the trip by the Chinese team signaled in terms of Kim's health.

A delegation led by a senior member of the Chinese Communist Party's International Liaison Department left Beijing for North Korea on Thursday, two of the people said. The department is the main Chinese body dealing with neighbouring North Korea.

The sources declined to be identified given the sensitivity of the matter.

The Liaison Department could not be reached by Reuters for comment late on Friday. China's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment late on Friday.

Daily NK, a Seoul-based website, reported earlier this week that Kim was recovering after undergoing a cardiovascular procedure on April 12. It cited one unnamed

source in North Korea.

South Korean government officials and a Chinese official with the Liaison Department challenged subsequent reports suggesting that Kim was in grave danger after surgery. South Korean officials said they had detected no signs of unusual activity in North Korea.

On Thursday, U.S. President Donald Trump also downplayed earlier reports that Kim was gravely ill. "I think the report was incorrect," Trump told reporters, but he declined to say if he had been in touch with North Korean officials.

On Friday, a South Korean source told Reuters their intelligence was that Kim was alive and would likely make an appearance soon. The person said he did not have any comment on Kim's current condition or any Chinese involvement.

An official familiar with U.S. intelligence said that Kim was known to have health problems but they had no reason to conclude he was seriously ill or unable eventually to reappear in public.

A U.S. State department spokeswoman had no comment. U.S. Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, when asked about Kim's health on Fox News after Trump spoke said, "I don't have anything I can share with you tonight, but the American people should know we're watching the situation very keenly."

North Korea is one of the world's most isolated and secretive

countries, and the health of its leaders is treated as a matter of state security. Reuters has not been able to independently confirm any details on Kim's whereabouts or condition.

North Korea's state media last reported on Kim's whereabouts when he presided over a meeting on April 11. State media did not report that he was in attendance at an event to mark the birthday of his grandfather, Kim Il Sung, on April 15, an important anniversary in North Korea.

Kim, believed to be 36, has disappeared from coverage in North Korean state media before. In 2014, he vanished for more than a month and North Korean state TV later showed him walking with a limp. Speculation about his health has been fanned by his heavy smoking, apparent weight gain since taking power and family history of cardiovascular problems.

FILE PHOTO: South Korean people watch a TV broadcasting a news report on North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Seoul, South Korea, April 21, 2020. REUTERS/Heo Ran/File Photo When Kim Jong Un's father, Kim Jong Il, suffered a stroke in 2008, South Korean media reported at the time that Chinese doctors were involved in his treatment along with French physicians.

Last year, Chinese President Xi Jinping made the first state visit in 14 years by a Chinese leader to North Korea, an impoverished state that depends on Beijing for economic and diplomatic support.



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# Beaches eyed as United States takes steps toward reopening

(Reuters) - Many Americans are expected to flock to beaches on Saturday as one Florida county relaxed restrictions and California braced for a heat wave, even as new cases of the novel coronavirus hit a record high the day before.

Healthcare workers administer a rapid, point of care pinprick coronavirus (COVID-19) IgM and IgG antibodies test at a myCovidMD free testing center for under and uninsured people, founded by three black women doctors, in Los Angeles, California, U.S., April 24, 2020. REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson  
Volusia County, home to the famed Daytona Beach, opened lots at its coastal parks on Saturday to handicapped visitors, one step in a phased reopening that has so far limited its beaches to those wanting to walk, surf, bike or swim.

The step is warranted by the county's successful efforts to suppress cases of the virus, George Recktenwald, the county manager, said at a briefing on Friday, although he likened the situation to tapping the brakes on a car going downhill.

"We are starting to let up that brake a little bit but you don't want to do it too fast because you don't want to speed out of control," he said. "If you are on the beach you should be physically active. No sitting, sunbathing or hanging out with a cooler."

John Overchuck, 45, who lives in a beachfront home with his wife and toddler daughter just south of Daytona Beach in New Smyrna Beach, said it's "way too soon to do this."

"I know they have rules and restrictions, but people aren't listening," he said.

"I walked on the beach 10 minutes ago and it's packed. That wasn't supposed to happen," said Overchuck, an attorney who has offices in nearby Orlando.



Healthcare workers administer a rapid, point of care pinprick coronavirus (COVID-19) IgM and IgG antibodies test at a myCovidMD free testing center for under and uninsured people, founded by three black women doctors, in Los Angeles, California, U.S.,

He fears the return of thousands of spring breakers and tourists from across the United States who in normal times are drawn to Smyrna and other county beaches.

Some were already parking cars and pitching tents right on the beach, Overchuck said.

"My family and I are bunkered in, but you're opening up condos, rentals and bringing in people from all over," he said. "Who knows if they've been taking precautions? ... I have a

three-year-old. I have to put her first."

A heat wave brought thousands of Californians to the open beaches in Newport Beach and Huntington Beach on Friday despite stay-at-home orders for people across the state, and similarly large crowds are expected on Saturday.

Governor Gavin Newsom said he expected the state's beaches to see "a significant increase in volume" due to the very

warm weekend, and pleaded for those who visit the shore to practice social distancing.

The move to enjoy the better weather comes after the United States on Friday recorded 36,491 new cases of COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the virus, a record daily high, according to a Reuters tally.

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### Trump Suspends All Immigration For 60 Days



The president's action pauses the issuance of green cards, with some exceptions.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Wednesday to "pause" the issuance of green cards for 60 days, describing it as an effort to protect Americans from competition from foreign workers during the coronavirus pandemic.

The order is effectively a restriction on entry that applies to people outside the U.S. seeking lawful permanent residency, which grants people the right to live and work in the U.S. and is a mandatory stepping stone to citizenship for all types of immigrants.

It affects people applying for green cards through employment, family or other means, with some significant exceptions. The announcement follows a late-night tweet from Trump on Monday that came as a surprise, even to many of his allies, with sweeping language that raised questions about whom it would affect.

Here are some of the key questions and the answers.

**Who's affected?**



The order temporarily prohibits people outside the U.S. as of its signing from getting green cards.

A major category of people who are banned is those seeking green cards through a family member of an American — a parent, an adult child or a sibling.

The order temporarily bars green card holders from sponsoring a spouse or child for permanent residency.

It also stops individuals from receiving green cards to enter the U.S. through other means, such as employment or the EB-1 "extraordinary ability" category.

**Who is exempt?**

There are several important details to understand.

Spouses and children under 21 of American citizens can still get green cards.

Medical professionals, defined as "a physician, nurse, or other healthcare professional" working to combat COVID-19, are exempt, and may bring their spouses and unmarried kids under 21.

People applying for a green card through the EB-5 program, which requires an investment of at least \$900,000 that is expected to create jobs, are exempt from the ban.

Members of the U.S. military are also excluded from the prohibition.

The order similarly exempts people "whose entry would be in the national interest," as determined by officials like the Secretary of State or Secretary of Homeland Security.

**What about temporary work visas?**

The order does not prevent people from getting non-immigrant visas that are granted on a temporary basis and do not confer permanent residency or the promise of citizenship.



That includes H-1B specialty workers, H-2A agriculture workers and others.

The executive order doesn't void any existing visa.

**Will this order affect tourists?**

No.

**Does this affect people already in the U.S.?**

The order doesn't stop appear to stop foreigners lawfully here on visas from applying for green cards through the regular channels, said Greg Siskind, an immigration lawyer based in Memphis, Tennessee.

"If they're here on a non-immigrant visa, they can adjust status in the U.S. and don't have to make an entry," he said.

**Does this stop green card holders from becoming citizens?**

No. They're still eligible to apply for naturalization through the existing channels.

**Wait. Isn't immigration already on**

**hold?**

Effectively, yes. Citizenship and Immigration Services field offices in the country are closed, which means appointments and naturalization ceremonies aren't taking place. Around the world, routine visa processing for tourists and workers has been suspended. Restrictions are in place for nonessential travel. Refugee admissions have been halted, and a new border crackdown includes turning migrants away.

To some extent, the order formalizes limits already in place.



**Is it about politics?**

Trump has repeatedly leaned into the issue of immigration to fire up his base. Building a wall and barring entry for Muslims were central 2016 planks. It is a powerful issue for the older, white and evangelical voters at the heart of his coalition. On Tuesday, Trump's re-election campaign sent an email to supporters promoting the tweet and saying their "input is crucial to the President's next steps."

But overall, the U.S. isn't sold on Trump's vision. Polls show that Americans oppose the wall and are split on the restrictions on travel from majority-Muslim nations. A recent YouGov survey found the U.S. evenly divided, with 46 percent approving of the president's handling of immigration and 66 percent disapproving.

**What are Democrats saying?**

Democrats have criticized the move, accusing Trump of seeking to distract from his failures in dealing with the coronavirus by scapegoating immigrants. "Xenophobia. In. Chief," tweeted House Democratic Caucus Chairman Hakeem Jeffries of New York. And Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, called it "an author-

itarian-like move to take advantage of a crisis and advance his anti-immigrant agenda."

**How long will this last?**

The order takes effect at 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on April 23, 2020 and terminates after 60 days. By 50 days of its signing, the Secretary of Homeland Security is tasked with recommending to Trump whether he should continue or alter it.

"Existing immigrant visa processing protections are inadequate for recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak," Trump wrote in the order, declaring the new immigrants he's prohibiting to be "detrimental to the interests of the United States."

**Where does Trump get the authority to do this?**

The main statute cited in the order is Section 212(f) of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act, which gives the president broad authority to block the "entry" of categories of people he deems "detrimental" to U.S. interests.



It was previously invoked to ban narrow categories of individuals, including human rights violators and refugees from Cuba and Haiti. President Trump has sought to expand its use.

The new order is narrower than Trump suggested Monday in a tweet, which said he'd be "signing an Executive Order to temporarily suspend immigration into the United States. Like the Muslim ban, his new order could also face lawsuits. (Courtesy nbcnews.com)

Editor's Choice



Spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Redbournbury



Rosemary Alves Martins, 38, shows a picture of her husband Eduardo Gomes, a nurse who died from suspected coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in Sao Paulo, Brazil, April 25, 2020. REUTERS/Amanda Perobelli  
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Members of the Italian coast guards wearing face masks patrol following the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Fiumicino, Italy, April 25, 2020. REUTERS/Alberto Lingria  
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A boy walks down along the railway line after he received free food at a slum area following the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, in Bangkok, Thailand April 25, 2020. REUTERS/Soe Zeya Tun  
TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



The showcase of a souvenir-shop displays a protective gear at the famous red-light district "Reeperbahn" during the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Hamburg



FILE PHOTO: A trader gestures in his stall at a food market in Lagos, Nigeria March 30, 2020. REUTERS/Temilade Adelaja/File Photo



Medical staff assess for COVID-19 at public Victoria Health Unit, BC



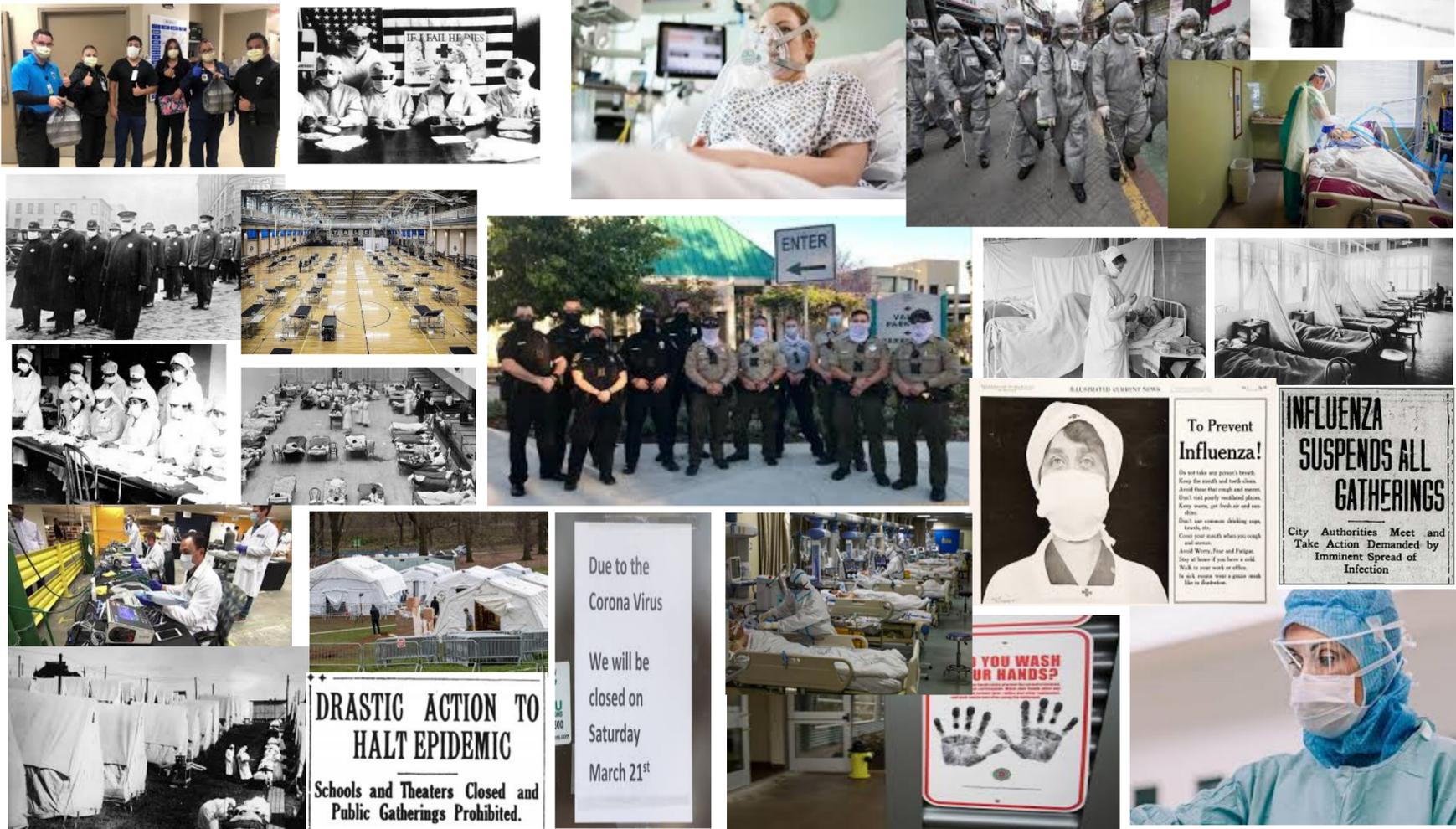
A family respecting social gathering enjoys the sunshine, as the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Britain April 25, 2020. REUTERS/Jason Cairduff

# U.S. Pandemics: Then And Now

**(Editor's Note: The Spanish flu, also known as the 1918 flu pandemic, was an unusually deadly influenza pandemic. Lasting from January 1918 to December 1920, it infected 500 million people – about a third of the world's population at the time. The death toll is estimated to have been anywhere from 17 million to 50 million, and possibly as high as 100 million, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in human history. Today, we face a Coronavirus pandemic with many similarities in terms of how we are responding to this health crisis in terms of service and care to those impacted. The photos we share here are clear testament to even though it was 100 years ago, the hard work and dedication of America's health care workers of yesterday is very similar to today's health care workers who are carrying on the timeless tradition of saving lives and bringing hope.)**



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## SC 亞洲時局 Daily News

綜合報導 據日本共同社報道，當地時間20日，關於東京奧運會和殘奧會延期壹年預計將造成約3000億日元規模追加費用的問題，國際奧委會(IOC)表示，日本首相安倍晉三已同意按照現行的合同條件繼續由日本負擔。

此前據多家日媒報道，奧運延期壹年將額外增加3000億日元的費用，這猶如壹塊巨石壓在東京奧組委身上，為本已過高的奧運成本帶來更沉重的負擔，而延期所產生的額外成本將由誰承擔，成為備受外界關注的話題。

14日，IOC主席巴赫曾表示，除日本政府和東京奧組委外，IOC也將為2020年東京奧運會的延期追加承擔數億美元。不過，巴赫指出，現階段依然很難對延期壹年所增加的成本作出評估，IOC已與安倍達成壹致，該筆費用未來壹段時間內仍將由日本政府承擔，後續會進壹步商討應對方案。

3月24日，鑒於新冠肺炎疫情形勢，國際奧委會與東京奧組委發表聯合聲明，宣布東京奧運會將改期至2020年後，但不遲於2021年夏天的日期舉行。東京奧組委主席森喜朗隨後發布消息稱，已經敲定東京奧運會延期舉辦的新日程：將於2021年7月23日開幕，8月8日閉幕。

# 奧運延期追加費用誰來出？ IOC：安倍已同意日本負擔



## 電費爆表！居家防疫天天吹冷氣 泰國民眾盼電費打折

綜合報導 作為新冠肺炎防疫設施之壹，泰國許多企業允許員工在家上班，政府也要求民眾待在家中。但民眾整天隔離在家吹冷氣，導致電費爆表。民眾表示，希望政府可以給電費打折。

報導，社交媒體上充斥著泰國民眾對電費高漲的抱怨，“昂貴的電費帳單”成為最熱門的話題標籤之壹。

有網友稱，“這個月的電費高到離譜，希望政府能採取行動幫幫忙。他們依照規定待在家裏不出門已經很苦，如今還要面對超電費的痛楚”。

對此，泰國能源部長20日表示，將召集公用事業代表們共同開會，討論解決方式。

源監管委員會、首都電力公司等單位，共同討論降低家用電費的可行方式。因防疫期間，許多人在用電尖峰時段是待在家中，而非工作場所。

4月初，泰國政府已下令要求3府治的電力機構將所有家用電費減免3%，直到6月為止。但近日許多家庭開始陸續收到帳單，卻發現電費是之前的2倍，甚至3倍之高。

儘管政府解釋電費上升與累進計費有關，但民眾們還是希望當局能減少收取30%，甚至40%的費用，作為對人民的幫助。

有評論稱，許多人根本不知道電費採累進計價，因為之前根本沒用這麼多。但真正的重點是，民眾遵守政府規定待在家中，所以應該提供30%，甚至50%電費折扣給民眾，而不是只有3%。

## 日本政府將聽取專家意見 判斷是否解除或延長緊急事態

綜合報導 據日本共同社報道，日本基於新冠病毒特別措施法發布的緊急事態宣言到21日已滿2周。近期，日本將召開專家會議，就包括解除或延長宣言在內的應對聽取意見。

報導，日本緊急事態宣言將於5月6日到期，日本政府原本探討的方案是，對特別推進重點對策的13個“特定警戒都道府縣”和感染者相對較少的其他地區分批解除緊急事態。但有意見指出，針對跨地區人員移動的應對措施不充分。因此，政府將關注從城市向地方的感染擴大情況，就是否延長、時機和地區作出判斷。

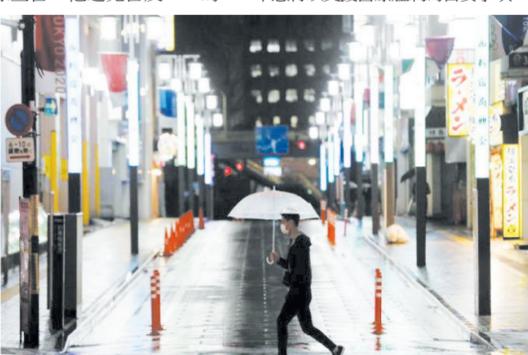
安倍21日傍晚在官邸會見經濟再生擔當相西村康稔和厚生勞動相加藤勝信等，聽取了有關國內外感染人數變化趨勢等的報告。

西村在此之前出席記者會時表示：“每天與都道府縣和專家交換意見。已經過去2周，近期將聽取專家的意見。”不過，關於延長或解除宣言，他避免言及，稱“為時尚早”。

日本官房長官菅義偉也在記者會上介紹道：“專家與負責的對策室就每天的狀況進行著信息共享。”

經濟產業相梶山弘誌在記者會上就疫情擴大給日本經濟帶來的影響指出，

“必須把長期戰也納入視野來思考”。日本政府相關人士表示，“醫療壹線已疲憊不堪，向其提供支持是當下最為重要的”，示意將以支援醫療體制為首要事項。



新加坡累計確診超6000例 阻斷措施延長至6月1日

綜合報導 據新加坡聯合早報網報道，當地時間21日下午5時，新加坡總理李顯龍發表全國講話時指出，從目前的疫情來看，新加坡不可能在現階段完全解除所有阻斷措施，讓壹切恢復正常。阻斷措施將延長壹個月，至6月1日。

新加坡政府從本月7日起實施阻斷措施，原定至5月4日結束。實施阻斷措施期間，所有提供非必要服務的工作場所將關閉，超市、小販中心、餐館和公共交通等基本服務照常營業。

在4月21日的講話中，李顯龍說，解除阻斷措施，必須謹慎、逐步進行，確保壹切安全，才能進壹步放寬措施。其次，新加坡需要大幅度加強病毒檢測工作，以快速發現新病例。

他說，壹旦成功減少社區傳播的病例，就可以進壹步做調整，考慮放寬壹些措施。

李顯龍指出，很多人會對阻斷措施期延長感到失望，尤其是已受到嚴重影響的企業和員工。但他希望民眾能了解長痛不如短痛，新加坡必須先阻斷病毒的傳播，才有可能重啟經濟、邁向復蘇。

截至當地時間4月21日中午12時，新加坡衛生部已初步確定，21日新增1111例確診病例，累計達9125例。新增病例多數是住在客工宿舍的工作準證持有者，有20人是本地公民或永久居民。