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tested positive for COVID-19 while in the United States.

About 20 officials from Samsung Electronics and about six at SK Group, parent of energy firm SK Innovation and chipmaker SK Hynix, were among those who tested positive for the virus after attending CES, the sources said.

Hyundai Heavy Industries also said six of its employees who attended tested positive and were quarantined, and some have been released since.

South Korea's health authority said on Wednesday that its COVID-19 cases bounced back to above 4,000 for the first time in six days, possibly due to the the Omicron variant. At least 4,388 new cases were reported, including 4,007 local infections, raising the total caseload to 674,868, according to the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA).

According to Yonhap news agency, the government will assess later on Wednesday the risk level of the pandemic and decide on possible revisions to the current social distancing rules.

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