

South Korea's coronavirus cases jump again



Seoul, August 15 (RHC)--South Korea reported 166 newly confirmed case of the coronavirus, it's highest daily jump in five months, amid fears transmissions were getting out of control in the greater capital area.

The figures announced by South Korea's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) brought the national caseload to 15,039, including 305 deaths.

The KCDC said 155 of the new infections were locally transmitted, mostly from the densely populated Seoul metropolitan area where authorities scurried to shut down thousands of churches, which have emerged as a major source of COVID-19 cases. Many of them had failed to properly enforce preventive measures, allowing worshippers to take off their masks, sing in choirs or eat together in diners.

Other clusters have been tied to nursing homes, schools, restaurants, outdoor markets and door-to-door salespeople.

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