

Covid-19. UNTACT era! Need more communication

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COVID-19, The disabled are in a blind spot.

Total Confirmed Persons	39,432
Confirmed person with disabilities	1,562(4%)

The proportion of the disabled compared to the total Korona 19 confirmed cases is about 4%, but the proportion of the disabled among the deaths is in the 20% range. This proves that customized measures are needed for the disabled who are vulnerable to infectious diseases.

It is urgent for the government to come up with measures.

- It is necessary to analyze in detail what social and economic conditions make disabled people vulnerable to infectious diseases.

Efforts at the welfare of the disabled

- (1) Gyeonggi-do Province

In the wake of the post-corona era, Gyeonggi-do Province is leading the creation of jobs for the disabled in cooperation between the public and private sectors.

The creation of a "gas safety cyber monitoring team" that conducts surveillance to eradicate online sales of illegal gas products reflects the importance of safety that has recently been emphasized and can provide jobs for non-face-to-face disabled people in the post-corona era.



Efforts at the welfare of the disabled

- (2) Busan Metropolitan City

Through "Local Community Radio," the community is carrying out activities to convey the difficulties of local merchants due to Corona 19 and to form a public debate for local residents to live together.

This activity is not intended to promote the merchant association, nor to appeal to the affection of traditional markets. It is a communication channel for the community to help traditional market merchants, who are driven to more blind spots by Corona 19, to protect the market, and it is not "not to go unconditionally" but "to be careful" to convey the meaning of the true Corona 19 rules.



Suggestions for the Post-Corona Era

- With the Corona 19, the face-to-face system is changing to non-face-to-face. Public education opened online and the online learning era was held, and video conferences became natural as face-to-face meetings became difficult for each company. Welfare services, which have traditionally been face-to-face services, should also be accepted in the non-face-to-face era.

1. Expand, secure, secure the public nature of social services.

- Although the emergency care system was invoked due to the practice of high-intensity social distancing, it was literally only a temporary measure because it was "urgently" supported, and it was not a fundamental solution.

LEE with severe disabilities have spent the past two weeks in a dark place without countermeasures against new coronavirus infections. Although he was in the same space as the confirmed person, all he received was 50 masks and one hand sanitizer. The government has been neglected without any clear measures to stop supporting activities due to disasters.

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Maintaining public activities support services for the disabled

- In 2015, the news reported that people with severe disabilities classified as self-isolation targets were voluntarily hospitalized due to lack of countermeasures at a time when their daily lives, including all activities, were suspended.

If the Corona 19 incident spreads to the third and fourth pandemic, the disabled will be left unattended, not isolated. It is not that they are afraid of Corona, but they are afraid that the situation of severely disabled people who have to live without activity supporters will come.

The government still relies on the private sector for the most important factor in resolving the crisis: the manpower problem.

- Private consignment institutions still have difficulty matching people with severe disabilities, and I can't help but ask how they can secure manpower in case of such a life crisis.

Government manuals that do not work in the field

- In June last year, the government prepared a manual for responding to infectious diseases for the disabled. In principle, if the disabled are self-isolated, they will be admitted to a separate quarantine facility, but depending on each situation, they will be self-isolated at home, support activities, or provide visiting nursing and emergency safety notification services. However, the manual did not work in the field. Psychological quarantine was excluded from the manual.

The guidebook published by the Ministry of Health and Welfare

- At that time, the guidebook published by the Ministry of Health and Welfare only included general recommendations to stretch or exchange phone calls and text messages with family friends in case of Covid-19 stress. Whenever an accident occurs and extreme news is heard, measures are taken from the center, but they do not reach the scene. This is because the government's measures were designed based on the body of non-disabled people from beginning to end.

Change of direction in the system

- The need for telemedicine has been raised ever since the issue of health rights for the disabled emerged. The push is being delayed due to strong opposition from the medical community, but it cannot be delayed anymore.
- It is also necessary to create and apply new treatment methods, such as the designation of a safe hospital for separate treatment of respiratory patients, but telemedicine is a necessary alternative in the era of infectious diseases that will come periodically.

Need to provide granular information

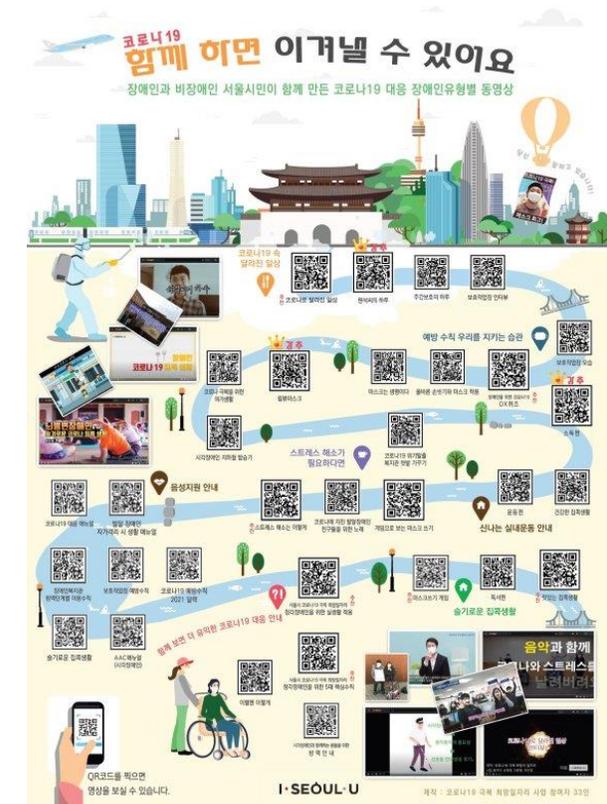
- Transparent and public information such as confirmed and dead are regularly provided through the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but detailed information related to the disabled is nowhere to be found.
- People with disabilities, usually in an emergency, are always out of sight.

An era when disability sensitivity is more necessary than ever.

- Each country, group, or the entire human race should produce a white paper on Covid-19 to record and reflect on the practical challenges and experiences we faced.

On January 13, 2021, the Seoul Metropolitan Government produced 10 types of manual for responding to infectious diseases by type of disability.

It is meaningful in that a total of 29 people from various ages from their 20s to 60s participated in the production of manuals and videos. From September to December of last year, he worked on the entire process of planning contents, drawing illustrations, and filming videos.



We should speak with one voice on improving the system.

- Now, Covid-19 is not a problem for the disabled, but a common task for all disabled people and their families as well. It is hoped that many communication and communication will take place, causing a stir in small movements to overcome disasters.

THANKS.