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# Level 1 distancing no excuse to let guard down

## South Korea doubles down on new COVID regulations

The city lowered its social distancing levels on Oct. 12, but that doesn't mean the novel coronavirus pandemic is over. Concerns over a new spike in infections due to the relaxed measures and an increase in people enjoying the autumn weather are large. To ensure public safety, the national government has established regulations to discourage travel. Additionally, fines will be given to those who fail or refuse to wear facemasks.

### Recommended guidelines

The recommended advice for hiking and outdoor activities in the fall season is to refrain from partaking in them in groups. If groups with family members or friends are unavoidable, the guidelines are as follows: During the planning phase, it is recommended that the itinerary be minimized and that the number of people gathered be small. If you have a fever or any respiratory symptoms, strongly consider canceling your plans. It is also advised that you go to local parks or walking paths on weekdays rather than on weekends when they are more crowded. Wear long sleeves

and long pants to prevent the chance of contracting illnesses that may cause fevers.

When traveling, it is recommended that you use private vehicles. If using public transportation, minimize the risk of infection by utilizing online booking, mobile check-in and other non-contact services. Food consumption should be done only in designated locations. For everyone's safety, masks should remain on, even inside vehicles. Refrain from singing, drinking, talking and eating. Rest stops are areas of risk, so it is advisable to stay away from them. If you must visit a rest stop, stay for as short a time as possible.

If you must travel in a group, assign a quarantine manager to secure a list of participants and to become familiar with COVID-19 management rules in advance. The quarantine manager should monitor group members, comply with regulations and call 1399 or 120 if any cases are suspected.

When hiking or taking part in general outdoor activities, wear a mask and maintain a distance of two meters from others. If you grow out of breath while hiking, find a private area to temporarily remove your mask to regain your strength. Eating should be done individually, and food should not be shared. After returning home, wash your clothes immediately, and take a shower.



### Fines beginning Nov. 13

Since Oct. 13, it has been mandatory to wear masks on public transportation and in certain institutions. Beginning Nov. 13, failure to wear a mask may result in a fine of up to 100,000 won. Where masks are required will depend on the current social distancing level. On public transportation, at demonstrations and in medical, nursing and protection facilities, masks are mandatory no matter the distance level. At Level 1,

masks must be worn in 12 high-risk facilities.

Masks licensed by the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety are acceptable. Cotton and other disposable masks may be allowed in some cases but are subject to scrutiny. Wearing a mask around your chin or nose is unacceptable and may result in a fine. Mesh masks and masks with valve filters are incapable of protecting others from the wearer and are thusly not permitted.

# Korea Sale Festa sells local well-made goods cheap

## Busan-made products at discounted rates

As the economy struggles due to the novel coronavirus, local merchants are looking to the citizenry for help. The Korea Sale Festa, to be held across the nation from Nov. 1 to 15, comes at a good time. Locally made shoes, cosmetics, food, stationery and more will be offered online at discounted prices.

The shopping extravaganza is being held through the cooperation of the public and private sectors and the country's national and local governments. Goods small and large will be available all over, whether bought from large retail chains present in department stores or small business owners with stalls at a traditional market.

Although mostly online, there will be preventative measures put into place to have a supplementary in-person experience. In conjunction with the Korea Sale Festa, City Hall will hold events both on and offline



The Korea Sale Festa from Nov. 1 to 15 will offer quality goods including discounted shoes from Padoble.



throughout the month of November.

The Busan International Seafood and Fisheries Expo, an exhibition and sales event for fisheries products, will be held at Centum City's BEXCO from Nov. 5 to 7 and will hold a local marine product sales event through TMON, a mobile shopping mall.

From Nov. 2 to 15, the Eurasia Platform at Busan Station will host a special sale and will give discounts of up to 50 percent for city-made products. Further discounts for plane tickets and hotel stays will be available at an upcoming air travel fair at BEXCO on Nov. 14.

There will be more shopping and discounts of local goods to be had at the Busan Enterprise Online Special Exhibition, which will run online at wemakeprice.com from Nov. 1 to 30. Dozens of companies from Busan in the areas of cosmetics, household goods, fashion and more will participate to give shoppers discounts of up to 20 percent.

Finally, and harkening back to the peak of the city's shoe industry, local shoe store Padoble, on the second floor of the KT&G Sangsang Madang Building in Busanjin-gu (district), will participate to sell custom-made shoes with prices slashed up to 20 percent.



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