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The Government will Provide Safe and Solid Emergency Childcare Program!

□ As a follow-up measure to contain the further spread of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Ministry of Education, together with the Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Ministry of Employment and Labor, and the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family will run an emergency childcare program for daycare centers, kindergartens, and elementary schools.

○ The four Ministries are closely working together to address parents' concerns about lack of childcare due to the postponement of the new school year, and as the nation provides an all-out response, they

decided to push ahead with proactive measures they can implement immediately.

□ The Ministry of Education and Provincial Offices of Education conducted a nation-wide parent survey, and the emergency childcare program will be operated for kindergartners and elementary school students for 1 week from March 2nd to March 6th.

○ Based on the survey result*, the Education Ministry decided to provide the childcare program to 71,353 kindergartners, 48,656 elementary school students, and 395 students with special needs.

* Kindergarten: 5,612 Kindergartens, 71,353 out of 616,293 children (11.6%)
Elementary School: 4,150 schools, 48,656 out of 2,721,484 children (1.8%)
Special Education School: 74 schools, 395 children

□ The Ministry of Education and Provincial Offices of Education will provide guidelines and manuals for the safe operation of the emergency childcare program, and schools will prepare and establish a staff emergency contact system, disinfect facilities and classrooms, and place masks and sanitizers.

○ First and foremost, the health and well-being of students and teachers will be a first priority, and in line with this, their temperature and conditions will be checked and monitored twice a day (mandatory check in the morning), in addition to teaching students about personal

hygiene (e.g., handwashing and coughing properly).

○ For the safe operation, schools and childcare classrooms will be disinfected, sanitizers and masks will be placed in classrooms, and an emergency response team of childcare teachers (i.e., providing childcare), supporting staff (i.e., monitoring teachers and students, contacting parents, disinfecting facilities, etc.), and school leaders (i.e., coordinating all activities) will be established.

□ The emergency childcare program is operated under the management of the school principal in collaboration with all teachers and staff members, and will be operated until 5pm. Considering the trait of the virus, each childcare classroom will have a maximum number of 10 students per class.

○ In particular, experienced teachers will be positioned in each school to assure parents and closely support and supervise new students in kindergartens and elementary schools.

○ Also, on-site inspections and monitoring will be conducted regularly to operate reliable emergency childcare programs in all schools.

[Emergency Childcare Program]
▶(Aim) Provide an emergency childcare program in a safe environment, taking the health of children and teacher as a first priority

▶(Operation hours) 9am to 5pm, based on local conditions and parent needs

▶(Student per class) Maximum of 10 students per class

▶(Persons in charge) Close cooperation of all teachers and staff members

▶(Safety measure) Disinfect classrooms, provide masks and hand sanitizers, educate students and teachers about infectious diseases

□ The Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Ministry of Employment and Labor, and the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family will further strengthen their cooperation, and continue to join efforts to provide safe and solid childcare programs, taking an active role in responding to the situation.

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