



Social Studies Virtual Learning

Contemporary Issues
South Korea COVID-19

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Lesson #19- April 16, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: I can evaluate South Korea's successes with COVID 19 testing

Warm Up

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1. One by one, no line so social distancing does not apply, booth sterilized after every test, no physical contact
2. Testing more people daily and keeping healthcare workers safe
3. Sure, but would we be patient? How would Americans react to being “forced” to get tested?

Lesson Activity

South Korea has seen a decline on COVID-19 patients and deaths. Once China became the first country to identify and begin testing, South Korea became the “new” epicenter. Since identification, South Korea has become an example of how to “flatten the curve” with massive testing and identification of contagious areas. How has this country become a success story on how to identify and treat COVID-19?



Practice

Read the following two articles on South Korea's handling of COVID-19 and answer the following questions on the same sheet of paper from the warm up activity.

1. How was South Korea "prepared" for the pandemic?
2. How has individual privacy declined in documenting COVID-19 cases?
3. Explain South Korea's preparedness to past instances of diseases. (MERS)
4. Detail the process for high vs low risk patients.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/how-south-korea-flattened-its-coronavirus-curve-n1167376>

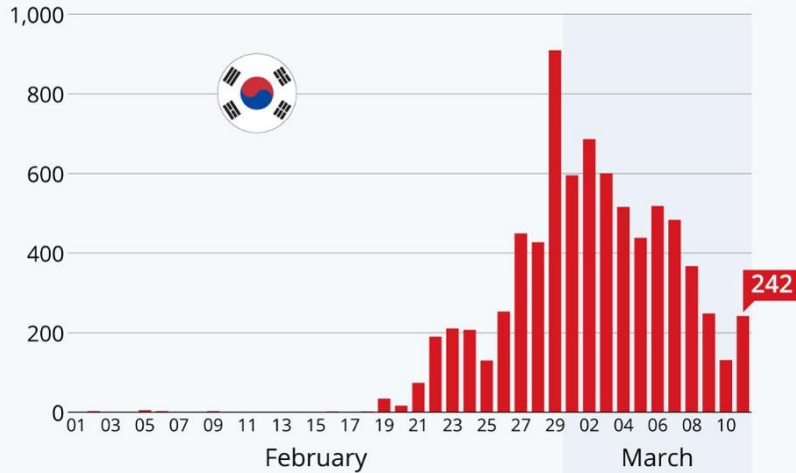
-Questions 1 & 2

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/03/coronavirus-cases-have-dropped-sharply-south-korea-whats-secret-its-success>

-Questions 3 & 4

Has South Korea Stabilized Its COVID-19 Outbreak?

Newly confirmed COVID-19 infections in South Korea



Source: Korea Centers For Disease Control and Prevention



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1. How was South Korea “prepared” for the pandemic?
 - a. Once China identified the outbreak, tests were ordered early and testing began quickly
2. How has individual privacy declined in documenting COVID-19 cases?
 - a. Corona App allows individuals to see areas of infection and where infected people have been.
3. Explain South Korea’s preparedness to past instances of diseases. (MERS)
 - a. Social distancing, masks, sanitizers, quarantines were remembered by citizens so it was not a dramatic shift in lifestyle (unlike USA)
4. Detail the process for high vs low risk patients.
 - a. High risk are placed in hospital, medium risk to community center for resources, low risk released after 2 negative tests.

Reflection

After reviewing South Korea's successes with COVID-19, consider the following discussion questions:

1. IF a group of sanitizers, such as these from South Korea, walked down your street today- how would your neighborhood respond? How would Americans respond?
2. Can Americans truly "social distance?" Or, is a mandatory lockdown necessary?

