
NEW CURBS ACROSS MOST OF S KOREA AS COVID CASES HIT RECORD HIGH

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South Korean authorities have announced tighter coronavirus curbs in regions outside the capital, Seoul, as daily infections hit a new record and the country battles its worst-ever outbreak, spurred by the highly contagious Delta variant.

Seoul and its neighbouring areas are already under the toughest Level 4 restrictions, which include a ban on gatherings of more than two people after 6pm. On Wednesday, Prime Minister Kim Boon-kyum said the government would now tighten rules across most of the country, with the exception of some southern regions, to Level 2 on the four-level scale.

Under the new restrictions, set to come into effect on Thursday, gatherings of more than eight people are banned, and restaurants and bars must close by midnight.

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