Unprecedented Covid-19 dangers:

(1) No existing immunity
(2) Easily transmitted
(3) Sub-clinically transmitted
(4) High Infection Fatality Rate (IFR)
Policy Sequence

**Containment** if at all possible (East Asia)

Physical distancing (Initial Limited Response)

Partial economic shutdown (Current Response)

Ending the epidemic, restoring economy & daily life
Confirmed Cases in East Asia

- Japan
- Korea, South
- Taiwan*
- Singapore
- China

Graph showing the confirmed cases in various East Asian countries from 1/22/20 to 3/31/20.
Major Policy Issues

• Breaking the Epidemic
• Bolstering the Medical/Hospital System
• Building the Public Health Capacity
• Protecting the Vulnerable (Elderly, Poor)
• Financing the Emergency Response
• Restoring economic activity as soon as possible
• Developing new therapeutics and vaccines