

Siberian Governor 'Reinfected' With Coronavirus

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Sholban Kara-Ool. Kremlin.ru

The head of a remote Siberian region has contracted the coronavirus a second time in what may be Russia's first documented case of reinfection.

Sholban Kara-Ool, the governor of the republic of Tyva on the Mongolian border, was admitted to the hospital again this week three months after his first hospitalization. He [said](#) doctors diagnosed him with pneumonia.

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“I almost believed that you couldn't get sick with it twice,” Kara-Ool said in an Instagram video he [posted](#) from the hospital Monday.

“Maybe that's why I got sick.”

Kara-Ool, 54, said his latest symptoms consisted mainly of a severe headache, a shift from the chest pain he experienced three months ago.

He first contracted Covid-19 on May 24 and was discharged on June 4.

In Hong Kong, scientists claimed to have discovered the world's first case of reinfection when a 33-year-old resident [tested positive](#) at an airport screening earlier in August. His reinfection came four and a half months after he recovered from Covid-19 and was assumed to have developed immunity.

European virologists have also confirmed two reinfections in the Netherlands and Belgium, the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty outlet [reported](#) Tuesday.

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