# Expansion of Seoul's High-Quality Public Healthcare

#### Direction

• Establishing disaster-response public healthcare infrastructure and creating a medical service framework for vulnerable populations

## ☐ Strategies for Expanding Public Healthcare Infrastructure

### O Expansion of Seoul-Style Public Healthcare Infrastructure

- In line with the announcement of Seoul Public Healthcare Innovation (May 6, 2022), Seoul City will establish disaster-response public healthcare infrastructure and a medical system for vulnerable groups, embodying the city's commitment to inclusivity for the vulnerable.
- Efforts are underway to establish "Seoul-style public hospitals" to broaden public healthcare access and address critical medical gaps. Pre-feasibility studies for these hospitals have been conducted, with an application for preliminary feasibility studies submitted to the Ministry of Health and Welfare. Additionally, the city plans to establish the Seoul Emergency Operation Center to create a system for efficient infectious disease disaster response through collaboration with private medical institutions.
- To further strengthen the capabilities of municipal hospitals, the Seoul Metropolitan Government is planning policies to expand and advance the public healthcare infrastructure, including establishing public rehabilitation hospitals, setting up a respiratory care center at Boramae Medical Center, enhancing general hospital functions at Seonam Hospital, and modernizing Eunpyeong Hospital.

#### • Expansion of Public Healthcare Provision for Vulnerable Groups

- Seoul is currently conducting preliminary procedures, such as feasibility studies, for the establishment of public rehabilitation hospitals to expand public healthcare services for vulnerable populations. Additionally, the city plans to open a dental hospital for the disabled in West Seoul by 2025 to improve medical accessibility for disabled patients.