



Weekly Update on COVID-19 in China

Week 39 of 2021

News Review

- **11 new virus cases reported in Harbin**

- Heilongjiang province reported 11 new locally transmitted confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Monday.
- All the cases were found in Harbin, provincial Health Commission officials said on Tuesday. Three of those were reported in the city's Songbei district; the other eight were detected in Bayan county, a statement said.
- An investigation found that the confirmed cases in the recent outbreak were in an early stage, said Wang Yan, assistant director of the Harbin Center for Disease Control and Prevention, at a news conference.
- "However, the source of the infection is still not clear," she said. "The infection was transmitted through different weddings and banquets, indoor games, living together and dinners. There are clear epidemiological associations between the cases. ... The spread of the virus is very fast as it is highly contagious."
- She urged local residents not to leave the city, especially over the coming National Day holiday.
- Since the first case in the latest outbreak was reported on Sept 20, Heilongjiang has reported 60 local confirmed cases and five asymptomatic carriers.

- **Sinopharm crosses 'critical threshold' on vaccines**

- Chinese drugmaker Sinopharm reached an annual production capacity of 7 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses last month, as significant progress has been made in upgrading existing vaccines to tackle new variants and in developing vaccines of different technologies, the head of the company said on Sunday.
- Liu Jingzhen, chairman of Sinopharm, said the company has "crossed the critical threshold" toward creating an mRNA vaccine against the novel coronavirus, and has completed early phases of clinical trials of a new protein-based COVID-19 vaccine.
- Meanwhile, the company has completed research work on a broad-spectrum vaccine designed to protect against all known variants, he said during the Sustainable Development Forum 2021, which was held on Sunday in Beijing.



- Sinopharm has already developed two inactivated COVID-19 vaccines that have been widely deployed around the world. Liu said the company has adapted its inactivated vaccines to the Beta and Delta variants.
- He added that six research and production bases administered by Sinopharm in China have a combined annual manufacturing capacity of more than 7 billion doses, making the company capable of "satisfying global needs".
- The company's COVID-19 vaccines have so far been given market approval in 10 other countries and have been authorized for emergency use or market access in 107 countries and regions, according to Liu.

Statistical Data

Foll data released by National Health Commission today (till Tuesday 24:00hrs, Mainland only):

- Existing number of confirmed cases under treatment 982
- Total number of confirmed cases 96,081
- Total number of recovered cases 90,463
- Total number of mortality 4,636

Extraordinary Quarantine Measures

- Crew joining a vessel at foreign ports and arriving in China within 14 days from departure, or joining a vessel from last port before arriving China, must bear a valid nucleic acid test(negative) report issued by a competent testing institution as designated/recognized by local Chinese embassy or consulate within 3 days before boarding.
- Some special quarantine measures were introduced in some ports, for vessels arriving from foreign port and having crew change within 14 days before arrival, those measures include compulsory 14-day quarantine before berthing or crew nucleic acid tests upon berthing, etc.
- In view of recent surge of COVID-19 in India and its adjacent regions, some China ports adopt stricter quarantine measures and require PCR tests for crew on the vessels calling Indian ports within 21 days prior to arrival China.
- Please contact us for up-to-date information in regard of latest quarantine requirements prior vessel's arrival for specific port call, as the same may vary day to day.



Port Operations

- Most ports maintain normal working status, though arrived vessels are subject to stricter and more complex quarantine procedure taking remarkable longer period of time prior to being allowed commencement of cargo work
- Apparent delay on schedule for vessels calling ports in Yangtze river, caused by last local re-outbreak of Coronavirus, a large number of vessel staying at CJK anchorage, average waiting days about 7 can be estimated
- Cargo operations slowed down recently in certain North China ports, resulting from short power supply
- AGM(Asia Gypsy Moth) inspection/certification services for vessels were temporarily suspended in Liaoning province NE China and Guangdong province South China including ports of Dalian, Dandong, Yingkou, Huangpu, Yangjiang, Zhanjiang, etc., as announced by CCIC - the authorized inspection organization. Yearly AGM high risk periods starts June 1 and ends September 31 in North China.
- Boarding a ship by shore staff including agents, port authorities, stevedores, etc. becomes more restrictive in many ports, non-contact means for routine port operation are prioritized options
- To prevent from cross infection, crew shore leave temporarily suspended in all China ports, social security distance to be kept between ship's crew and port workers
- Personal protective measures must be in place, for both attending shore staff and crew, e.g. protective gowns, mouth mask, goggles
- Daily disinfection and taking of crew body temperature must be done and reported to port authorities during whole port stay
- Surveyors' attendance and superintendents' visit were limited to those of Chinese nationals only, boarding formalities becomes very complicated and surveyors/superintendents are obliged to provide vaccination certificate and a valid nucleic acid test report issued within 7 days before attendance in some ports. However, such attendance and visit are prohibited in some ports or terminals, Local source needs to be consulted before hand for detailed information and restriction in specific ports.



Crew Change

- Foreign crew change are still prohibited in most China ports, as entry ban for foreigners announced by Foreign Ministry remains valid for the time being.
- As for Chinese crew change, application will be evaluated by various authorities(customs, MSA, local municipal health commission, etc.) case by case before being approved. All outgoing crew are to have nucleic acid test and 14-day isolation/medical observation in designated hotels.
- In view of different policy in different ports, please consult Oceanfavor Shanghai office for detailed information of a specific port and updated regulations.



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