



## Weekly Update on COVID-19 in China

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### News Review

- **Chinese vaccines help global COVID-19 fight**

- China has provided over 1.5 billion doses of its COVID-19 vaccines to 106 countries and four international organizations this year, playing a significant role in reigning in the virus and advancing global collaboration, said Luo Zhaohui, chairman of the China International Development Cooperation Agency.
- The country has also delivered large amounts of antivirus materials, such as protective clothing, masks and respirators, to 150 countries and 13 international organizations, Luo added.
- In addition, China has held over 1,000 video conferences to share its knowledge about fighting the outbreak, has dispatched more than 10 expert health teams and has established an inventory for stocks of medical supplies planned for South Asia.
- More than 80 million doses of vaccines were given to neighboring countries as donations, he added.
- An increasing number of countries and people are receiving China-developed vaccines, said Deng Boqing, vice-chairman of the agency. He said the expanding vaccinations have fully attested to domestic vaccines' safety and efficacy, on top of growing clinical evidence.
- "Domestic vaccines that are donated or sold overseas have played an active role in building herd immunity across the world," he added.

- **Inner Mongolia's Ejine conducts fifth round of COVID-19 testing**

- Ejine Banner, a county in North China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region, began its fifth round of county-wide nucleic acid testing on Tuesday noon and reported 26 new local COVID-19 cases on the same day.
- According to the banner's anti-epidemic headquarters, Ejine Banner has confirmed 84 COVID-19 cases in the latest wave of infections, all of whom have been sent to designated hospitals for treatment.
- During the third round of all-inclusive nucleic acid testing of more than 41,000 people, 20 positive results were detected. By Tuesday noon, the fourth round of mass testing had found 21 positive results in approximately 40,000 samples while



around 3,000 other samples are still being tested.

- The banner began implementing a home quarantine measure on Monday to contain COVID-19. All residents and tourists have been asked to stay at home or in hotels.
- **Chinese province offers COVID-19 jabs for children aged 3-11**
  - East China's Zhejiang province has begun giving COVID-19 vaccinations to children aged 3 and above, a local health official said Tuesday.
  - Xia Shichang, deputy director of the provincial health commission, said that the province has expanded its COVID-19 vaccination program to cover children from the age of 3, rather than limiting vaccination to those aged 12 and above, as was previously the case.
  - According to the press conference, the changes are in line with the unified deployment of the State Council's joint prevention and control mechanism for the new coronavirus pneumonia epidemic, based on previous vaccination work. Previously, health authorities across China were providing vaccinations to children aged 12 and above, but this has now been expanded to include younger children.
  - Local health authorities plan to finish the inoculation of the first shot of inactivated vaccines before Nov 20 and the second shot before Dec 20.

## Statistical Data

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

- Existing number of confirmed cases under treatment 643
- Total number of confirmed cases 96,899
- Total number of recovered cases 91,620
- 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. Please refer to attached portwise summary as attached.

- 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, such quarantine procedures vary quite frequently matching up the prevailing epidemic situation.
- Delay on schedule for vessels bound for the ports in Yangtze and pearl rivers are estimated, due to dedicated piloting arrangement(close-circuit management), average one week are expected. In some ports vessel will have to wait for pilot to sail after cargo operation.
- Bunkering ops at Nantong port and Xiamen anchorage are no longer allowed.
- PCR tests for crew on board are available on request at some ports
- 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, especially during pilots and stevedores working on board
- 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 2 days before attendance, 14-day medical isolation may be required after 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 not resumed yet, though emergency repatriation and crew medical first-aid can be arranged in some ports.
- 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.

**Oceanfavor has accomplished several owner's matter in various ports**

All Ocean Favor offices stay on alert in front line and keep a sharp eye on the development of Covid-19 at key China ports.



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