



Weekly Update on COVID-19 in China

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News Review

- **Outbreaks expected to be contained in a month**

- Experts expressed confidence that sporadic COVID-19 outbreaks in China's northwestern and northeastern regions can be effectively controlled in about a month with government efforts.
- Zhong Nanshan, an academician at the Chinese Academy of Engineering and a leading expert in China's respiratory disease research, said in an interview with China Global Television Network on Monday that China will continue to pursue a zero-transmission policy against the coronavirus, as the global fatality rate of 2 percent for COVID-19 is still too high.
- The recent outbreaks on the Chinese mainland have affected 16 provincial-level regions, according to the Beijing Health Commission.
- Sporadic outbreaks caused by imported COVID-19 cases are normal after China lifted curbs for international travelers, said Zhong. "And I think the zero-transmission policy will remain in place for a long time. Exactly how long depends on the global and regional COVID-19 control situations in coming months," he said.
- He added that China's zero-tolerance strategy doesn't cost too much and is a relatively low-cost approach, because letting the virus spread would cost more.
- Heilongjiang province reported 27 new locally transmitted confirmed COVID-19 cases on Monday.
- Among the cases, 26 were found in the city of Heihe, and the other one was in Harbin, the provincial capital. Since the first case in the latest outbreak was reported in Heihe on Oct 27, the city has reported 105 cases, the provincial health commission said on Tuesday.
- Genome sequencing found that the Heihe outbreak involved the imported Delta variant, according to the local health commission.
- The COVID-19 risk level of a residential community in Aihui district of Heihe was raised from medium to high starting at 10 am on Tuesday, the city's epidemic prevention and control headquarters said on Tuesday.



- The district has been put under a lockdown, officials said at a news conference on Tuesday, adding that around 15,000 staff workers, including civil servants and volunteers, have participated in epidemic prevention and control work.
- **All COVID-19 tests from Shanghai Disneyland return negative**
 - All staff and visitors at Shanghai Disneyland and Disneytown have tested negative for COVID-19, the Shanghai municipal government's epidemic prevention and control taskforce said on Tuesday.
 - As of 8 am on Tuesday, the nuclei acid tests of 66,460 people and 1,016 environmental samples returned negative, according to a social media post by the office of Shanghai epidemic prevention and control leading group.
 - The massive testing campaign began on Sunday evening when Disneyland visitors were guided to receive on-site tests before leaving the park. Those who have been to Disneyland and Disneytown over the weekend (Oct 30 to 31) have also been requested to report to their affiliated organizations and take COVID-19 tests at designated hospitals and clinics.
 - Shanghai Disney Resort announced that Disneyland and Disneytown would be temporarily closed on Monday and Tuesday as part of efforts to aid epidemiological investigations.
- **Capital tightens its measures on virus control**
 - Beijing is still facing a complicated epidemic control situation and safety precautions on all forms of transportation need to be strengthened to reduce infection risks, a senior official said on Monday.
 - "As temperatures fall in winter and small outbreaks continue to occur in many places around the country, people should be aware of the risks and act with caution," Pang Xinghuo, deputy director of the Beijing Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said at a news conference on Monday.
 - She said the capital's airports, railway stations and expressway checkpoints should strengthen epidemic control measures.
 - Residents who have traveled outside the city should postpone their return if they have visited locations where confirmed cases have been reported during their travel period.
 - People who have already returned to Beijing should report their movements to local communities and their employers.
 - The city government is asking residents not to leave Beijing unless absolutely



necessary after the COVID-19 outbreak hit 16 provincial-level regions.

- Drugstore workers should have a negative nucleic acid test result every seven days, she said at the news conference.
- The city will conduct monthly nucleic acid tests on produce market workers and cold-chain food industry employees, as well as people living with them, to cut potential infection risks.
- Entertainment venues are being asked to step up epidemic control measures, with many cinemas and internet cafes in Beijing's center temporarily closed.
- Theme parks have also tightened epidemic control and prevention measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Statistical Data

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

- Existing number of confirmed cases under treatment 1,000
- Total number of confirmed cases 97,423
- Total number of recovered cases 91,787
- 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 some high risk countries/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 waiting time up to 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.
- Stores/spareparts delivery at Rizhao was suspended as announced by local authorities, arising from sporadic outbreak in the city recently
- 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. At Bayuquan port, crew are obliged to stay in their living area, not allowed to go on deck unless necessary
- 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.
- Chinese crew change at Rizhao was temporarily suspended due to recent local confirmed cases in the city
- 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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