

# Weekly Update on COVID-19 in China

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# News Review

### • 2 crew members rescued by helicopter

- 2 injured crew in critical condition were rescued and evacuated by a helicopter last Thursday at CJK anchorage from a lumber carrier mv Peace Glory, as organized by Ocean Favor in emergency, green light was given by the authorities after a very complex application during tough epidemic time.
- The crew was transferred to hospital for further medical check and treatment.





#### • China's anti-COVID-19 drug enters late-stage human trial

- A Chinese antiviral medicine for COVID-19, called JS016, has commenced phase-3 clinical trials overseas, its developer said Monday.
- The patented anti-COVID-19 drug candidate was jointly developed by the Institute of Microbiology under the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Shanghai Junshi Biosciences Co., Ltd.
- In June 2020, China's drug regulator granted permission to the developers to carry out human tests.
- According to the institute, JS016 has become the first COVID-19 monoclonal antibody in the world to carry out clinical trials in healthy people.
- Researchers completed global multi-center phase-2 trials this month. The results of the early-stage trials support the safety and effectiveness of JS016, suggesting it can lower the viral titer in participants and reduce the risk of becoming a severe case.

- "The drug has been used for emergency treatment in 15 countries, and more than 500,000 doses have been sent overseas," said Yan Jinghua, a researcher with the Institute of Microbiology.
- China's Ministry of Science and Technology has also allocated 3,000 doses of the drug for the treatment of COVID-19 patients in the country, Yan added.

### • China's latest COVID-19 resurgence enters final stage

- China's latest COVID-19 outbreak, which has spread to over 20 provincial-level regions since mid-October, is entering its final stage, health officials said on Saturday.
- So far, eight of the provincial-level regions affected by the latest resurgence have registered no new locally transmitted COVID-19 cases for at least 14 consecutive days, said Mi Feng, a spokesperson for the National Health Commission, at a press conference.
- The epidemic situation in the virus-hit border or port cities, including Ejina, Heihe and Dalian, has been dealt with quickly and effectively. Also, multiple provincial-level regions managed to contain the outbreak within around an incubation period, according to Mi.

### • Total of 1.225 bln people in China vaccinated against COVID-19

- A total of 1.225 billion people in China have been vaccinated against COVID-19, including those who have only received one dose, covering 86.9 percent of the country's population, according to official figures unveiled Saturday.
- In addition, around 65.73 million people have received a booster shot, said Wu Liangyou, deputy head of the disease control and prevention division of the National Health Commission (NHC), at a press conference.
- More than 2.42 billion vaccine jabs had been administered nationwide as of Friday, with over 1.076 billion people in the country fully vaccinated against the novel coronavirus, NHC figures showed.
- "The mass vaccination campaign has played an important role in curbing the transmission of novel coronavirus and preventing the occurrence of severe cases," Wu said.



### Statistical Data

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

- Existing number of confirmed cases under treatment 958
- Total number of confirmed cases 98,546
- Total number of recovered cases 92,952
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. In some ports, 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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