



Weekly Update on COVID-19 in China

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News Review

- **Dalian probes leaks in COVID prevention**

- The latest COVID-19 resurgence in Dalian, Liaoning province, in November, was triggered by crimes and concealment of the truth by a local cold chain enterprise, along with related institutions engaged in graft and or poor performance of their duty and serious dereliction of duty by regulators, according to officials at a meeting on Thursday at Dalian's headquarters office on prevention and control of the novel coronavirus.
- The outbreak started when staff members at a cold storage company were infected by contaminated imported food, a preliminary investigation found.
- The latest outbreak showed that the city's prevention and control processes are not tight, the implementation system has not formed a closed loop and the risk-prevention system does not match the governing capabilities of high-risk port cities, it found.
- Dalian reported a new locally transmitted COVID-19 case on Nov 3.
- As of Thursday, there had been no new cases found outside the quarantine area for 13 consecutive days with no cases spread outside of the city.

- **Ningbo reports three COVID-19 infections**

- Sporadic COVID-19 cases are continuing to emerge in more parts of China, with Ningbo, in East China's Zhejiang province, reporting three COVID-19 cases on Monday as the city launched stringent measures to fight the pandemic.
- The three cases, all members of one family in Ningbo's Zhenhai district, have been sent to a designated hospital for treatment. Schools in the district were closed on Monday, the local authorities said, and all flights from Ningbo to Beijing were canceled due to pandemic prevention measures.
- On Monday morning, the city imposed complete closed-off management on the residential community and businesses in Zhenhai's Jiaochuan subdistrict, where the three infected patients lived and worked.
- All residents and workers in the area began receiving nucleic acid tests on Monday morning. A medical worker at the nucleic acid testing site in the community said



120 medical personnel arrived at the test site at 4 am on Monday to conduct nucleic acid tests on residents.

- Most hospitals in the district suspended offline outpatient services due to COVID-19 prevention measures from Monday and two rounds of nucleic acid tests will be conducted on all medical personnel at three hospitals in Zhenhai.
- The local authorities said public places in Zhenhai, such as scenic spots, performance venues, internet cafes and stadiums, had been closed and cultural, tourism and sports activities have been called off.
- **Manzhouli tightens border control measures**
 - Manzhouli, the largest rail and land port on the China-Russia border in the Inner Mongolia autonomous region, has suspended certain activities for goods transportation via its railway port and land port to strengthen the prevention and control of the COVID-19 epidemic and avert the risk of imported COVID-19, according to the local government.
 - Starting Friday, the land port suspended on-site operations including loading and unloading, transportation and customs clearance.
 - Since Wednesday, its railway port has suspended all imports of noncontainer goods including wood, coal, mineral powder, fertilizer, pulp, agricultural and sideline products and other goods that need manual handling.
 - The city has been carrying out strict management of drivers from both sides and reducing the number of Chinese workers at the port's freight yards. It has also increased disinfection measures to reduce the risk of imported contamination.
 - Manzhouli announced 24 new locally transmitted confirmed cases of COVID-19 from midnight to 2 pm on Friday, bringing the city's total in the latest outbreak to 263 local confirmed cases.

Statistical Data

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

- Existing number of confirmed cases under treatment 1,133
- Total number of confirmed cases 99,371
- Total number of recovered cases 93,602
- 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.
- Bunker replenishment(with no cargo work) only at Hong Kong was not allowed, if vessels come from high risk countries/regions within 21 days before arrival, these high risk countries/regions as defined by governmental authorities includes:
 - Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Cook Islands, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Eswatini, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Zimbabwe



- Crew(of Chinese nationals) change has been resumed with certain conditions in Rizhao
- 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 emergent 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.



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