

# Weekly Update on COVID-19 in China

Week 22 of 2022

## News Review

#### • Shanghai to resume normal production and life from June 1

- Shanghai has announced measures to gradually restore production and daily life starting on Wednesday as the city has effectively brought the current COVID-19 wave under control.
- Residents in low-risk communities for COVID-19 can move freely in the city except in areas deemed of medium or high risk for the virus' spread starting Wednesday, Zong Ming, vice-mayor of Shanghai, said during a news briefing on Tuesday.
- Shopping malls, supermarkets, convenience stores, pharmacies and farm produce markets will restore offline business in accordance with epidemic control protocols.
- Postal and courier services are free to reopen their distribution centers and terminal outlets, and gradually restore delivery of personalized packages.
- Indoor public venues, including cinemas, theaters, museums and gymnasiums, will not resume operation at this stage.
- Public transport in the city, including buses, metro lines and ferries, will resume full operation. Taxis and vehicles engaged in online ride-hailing services can also resume operation.
- Private cars from low-risk areas can also hit the road and travel across all the city's 16 districts and cross the Huangpu River via bridges and tunnels.
- Train services to and from Shanghai will also gradually resume normal operations.
- The passenger capacity rates on international flights departing Shanghai will be allowed to increase, and the number of domestic flights leaving and arriving in Shanghai at its two airports will be increased gradually as well.

#### Beijing eases control measures as outbreak contained

- Beijing has lifted some control measures as the city's latest COVID-19 outbreak has been effectively contained and the epidemic situation is showing a downward trend, said a senior official at a news conference on Saturday afternoon.



- The authority will adopt different control measures in districts and regions based on their different epidemic situations starting on Sunday, said Xu Hejian, spokesman of the city government.
- Residents in Fangshan and Shunyi districts can go to work normally and companies in Chaoyang and Tongzhou districts can have more employees to go to workplaces instead of working from home.
- Public transportation, including buses and subways in Chaoyang, Shunyi and Fangshan, will be resumed except for the lines in locked down and controlled zones.
- Shopping malls outside of the locked down and controlled zones are allowed to open while the sales and promotions that could cause crowds should continue to be suspended.
- Libraries, museums, cinemas, galleries and other cultural and sports facilities in districts where no COVID-19 cases were reported in past seven days can resume operation with the maximum number of visitors kept under half of the full reception capacity.
- Meanwhile, some control measures will be strictly continued to avoid risks of infection.
- All the restaurants should continue to suspend dine-in service and students from kindergarten to senior high schools should not go back to campuses for schooling.
- Beijing reported 12 new locally transmitted cases as of 3 pm on Saturday, bringing the total number of infections to 1,716 since April 22, according to Liu Xiaofeng, deputy director of the Beijing Center for Disease Prevention and Control, at the news conference on Saturday afternoon.
- "All of the new infections were reported in quarantined locations, and no cases were found from mass nucleic acid tests at community levels," Liu said.

#### Statistical Data

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

- Existing number of confirmed cases under treatment 2,296
- Total number of reported confirmed cases 224,134
- Total number of recovered cases 216,612
- Total number of mortality 5,226



### Quarantine Requirements

- 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.
- Crew joining vessel at foreign ports in last 14 days before arrival will have nucleic acid tests upon berthing by customs, cargo operation won't be allowed until testing results turn out.
- Vessels scheduled to drydock in a Chinese shipyard after cargo operation must have all crew nucleic acid tested at 1<sup>st</sup> port of call in China.
- Please click on the bubble of each port to see the latest details of the quarantine requirements :
  - Green bubble: Indicates that the port is under normal conditions, vessels only need to follow the port lineup
  - Yellow bubble: Indicates that vessels will get berthed following a port lineup, PCR tests will be carried out after berthing, cargo operations will commence after negative test results
  - Red bubble: Indicates either that vessels need to have at least 14 days since departing from the last foreign port, prior to berthing; or that the port is closed due to certain reason (full details given upon clicking on the bubble)





## **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.
- Lockdown in Shanghai was terminated on June 1<sup>st</sup>, production and life were returned to normal as announced by the municipality government last week, most restrictions were lifted while certain preventive measures are still in place to avoid rebound of Covid infection.
- Zhoushan announced 14 days quarantine ban coming into force recently, vessels which called high risk countries in the past 14 days will stay at anchor till 14 days before allowed to berth, counting from departure date from last high risk countries, bunkeirng and fumigation disposal at Singapore Roads can be exempted from this ban by the authorities if vessels scheduled to call Laotangshan terminal. Listed high risk countries include: South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Singapore, Russia, Australia and Brazil. Vessels which had newly joined crew at foreigh ports within 14 days before arrival, will also be quarantined for 14 days, counting from date of departure of crew change port.
- Calls to Hong Kong for bunker replenishment only are resumed recently no matter where they come from. Crew changes are allowed if vessels come for cargo work in Hong Kong.
- 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 quarters, not allowed to go on deck unless necessary.
- Daily disinfection and taking of crew body temperature must be done and reported to port authorities 14 days prior to arrival and during whole port stay.
- Surveyors' attendance and superintendents' visit were limited to those of Chinese nationals only, boarding formalities become 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 more and more ports or terminals.

### 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.
- With effect from 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022, vessels performing international voyages arriving from overseas, intending to carry out crew change of Chinese nationals in China ports, must conduct Covid tests for all crew on board within 48 hours prior departing last foreign port, nucleic acid tests are prioritized while other alternative rapid testing methods such as antigen tests are acceptable, in case nucleic acid tests are not available. All these rapid testing agents/materials shall be of approved type by China or other nations' drug administration.
- All above crew shall have regular Covid tests on 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>(as applicable) day of the passage enroute China port from last foreign port, records for such tests must be kept available on board and presented to port authorities when vessel going through entry formalities.
- All outgoing crew are to have nucleic acid tests upon berthing and 14-day quarantine/medical observation in designated hotels followed by 7 days self health observation at home.
- Joining crew must possess valid NAT negative reports issued within 72 hours before boarding.
- Crew change won't be permitted when vessels call a port where the city was classified middle or high risk zone.
- In view of different policies/practice in different ports, please consult Ocean Favor 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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