



Weekly Update on COVID-19 in China

Week 47 of 2022

News Review

- **Beijing continues to report high case counts**

- Beijing will tighten its epidemic control measures starting Thursday due to the rising number of infections at a high level in recent days, senior officials said on Tuesday.
- All people will be required to show negative results of nucleic acid tests taken within 48 hours before entering government departments, office buildings, supermarkets and other public places, as well as taking buses and subways, city spokesman Xu Hejian said at a news conference on Tuesday.
- "The current virus variant is extremely infectious and easily concealed, and the city's control and prevention work is at the most critical stage at present," he said.
- The authority also suggested the elderly and the young get vaccinated as soon as possible in order to be protected.
- Chaoyang, the hardest-hit district during the ongoing outbreak in the capital, reported 128 cases and 655 asymptomatic carriers in total on Monday, representing about half of the confirmed cases in the city and more than half of the city's asymptomatic carriers.
- Between midnight and 3 pm on Tuesday, Beijing reported 634 locally transmitted COVID-19 infections, with 490 of them asymptomatic carriers. Among the total infections, 499 were found among those under quarantine and the remaining 135 were detected at the community level.
- Chaoyang reported 197 infections during the same period, among whom 51 were found from outside controlled zones.
- Students in Chaoyang are having classes online and companies have been asked to reduce the number of staff who go to the workplace. People are encouraged to work from home, Yang Beibei, deputy head of Chaoyang district, said on Tuesday.

- **Guangzhou infections remain largely concentrated in select areas**

- The new local COVID-19 infections in Guangzhou, Guangdong province remain concentrated in key areas in Haizhu district.



- The district reported 7,832 new infections on Monday. The entire city reported 8,210 local cases, 7,957 of which were asymptomatic carriers.
- Baiyun district is still seeing multiple transmission spots and chains. Zengcheng district has reported higher new case totals in non-quarantine venues in the past few days, which poses a risk of community transmission, she said.
- **International flights spurred by recent inbound travel restriction modification**
 - More international trips are being handled by China's civil aviation service as the sector continues to slowly recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - According to the Civil Aviation Administration of China, 201,000 international trips were handled last month, a year-on-year increase of 86.7 percent.
 - From January to October, 1.32 million international trips were handled, a year-on-year increase of 5 percent.
 - To curb the spread of the virus, the sector introduced strict protocols for the suspension of international flights. Data from the administration showed that in August last year, China only handled about 230 international passenger flights a week.
 - Protocols have been relaxed somewhat to boost recovery from the pandemic.
 - This month, China rolled out 20 measures to upgrade epidemic control, including cancellation of the "circuit breaker" policy — the suspension of carriers for two weeks if five or more passengers tested positive upon landing in China, or four weeks if 10 or more passengers tested positive.
 - According to VariFlight, a China-based civil aviation data service provider, China operated 1,185 international passenger flights last week.

Statistical Data

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

- Existing number of confirmed cases under treatment 24,630
- Total number of reported confirmed cases 293,506
- Total number of recovered cases 263,645
- Total number of mortality 5,231

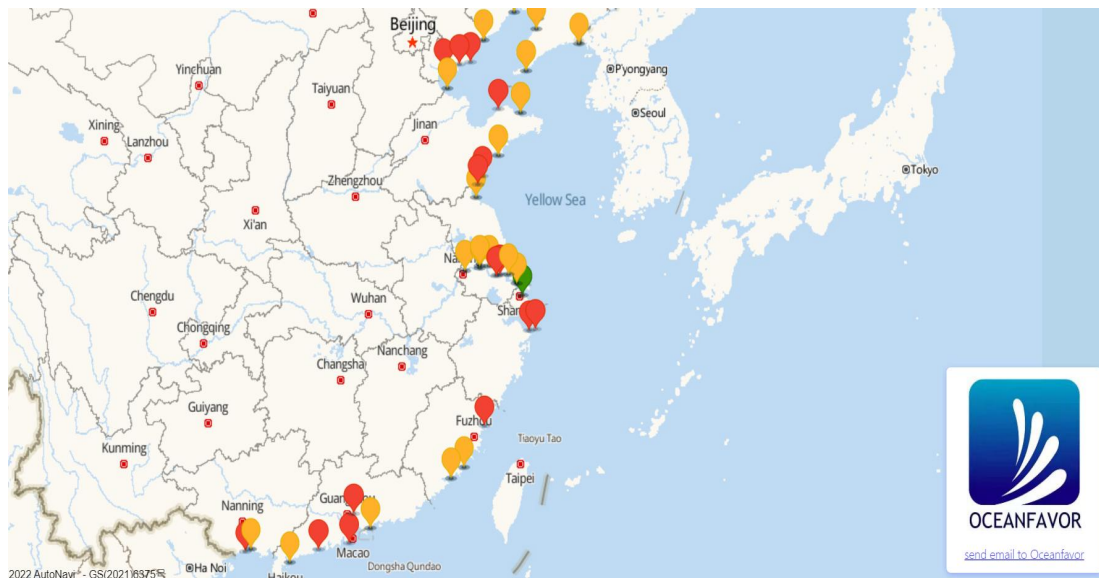


Quarantine Requirements

- 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 1st 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)

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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.
- 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, bunkering and fumigation disposal at Singapore Roads can be exempted from this ban by the authorities if vessels scheduled to call Laotangshan terminal. Updated high risk countries include: Japan, India, Russia, Indonesia and Brazil. Vessels which had newly joined crew at foreign ports within 14 days before arrival, will also be quarantined for 14 days, counting from date of departure of crew change port.
- Disposal service for fumigation residues at most China ports are not available due to Covid-19 restrictions, suggest arrange in foreign port before arrival.
- Bunkering at Xiamen anchorage was suspended, replenishment of bunker can only be done at berth when vessels have cargo operation.
- 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 15th 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 rapid 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 1st, 4th, 7th and 14th(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 conducting 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.
- Crew change in Hong Kong are fully resumed as of 12th October 2022, no matter there are cargo ops or not

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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