



Weekly Update on COVID-19 in China

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News Review

- **Chinese mainland reports no new locally transmitted COVID-19 cases**
 - The Chinese mainland on Tuesday reported no new locally transmitted COVID-19 cases, the National Health Commission said in its daily report on Wednesday.
 - Tuesday saw 19 new imported cases, six of which were reported in Guangdong, four in Yunnan, three in Shanghai, two in Tianjin, and one each in Beijing, Zhejiang, Fujian and Guangxi.
 - Two suspected cases arriving from outside the mainland were reported in Shanghai. No new deaths related to COVID-19 were reported on Tuesday, the commission added.
- **Shanghai expands vaccination drive to youngsters**
 - Shanghai will start including local residents between 12 and 14 in its free voluntary COVID-19 vaccination drive, the municipal government announced on Tuesday.
 - The online reservation channel will open on 8 pm Wednesday. Inoculation of youngsters will officially kick off on Friday.
 - Shanghai began including teenagers between 15 and 17 into the vaccination reservation on Aug 12. The health authority clarified juveniles must be accompanied by parents or guardians when getting immunized.
 - "Vaccination is essential to enhancing personal and herd immunity among youths and the entire society. It can effectively reduce the risks of morbidity, suffering from severe cases and deaths as well as block the spread of the contagion," the office of the city's COVID-19 prevention and control said in an online post.
- **Vaccination against COVID-19 for seafarers prioritized**
 - Chinese seafarers are encouraged and given priority to be vaccinated before joining a ship, especially for those who work on ocean-going ships performing international trading voyages. Statistics by MSA shows that most crewmembers have had 2 shots when or prior to embarkation.
 - Vaccinations on request for foreign crew on vessels calling China ports are yet to open at current stage, the governmental authorities are evaluating the feasibility and operational procedures.



Statistical Data

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

- Existing number of confirmed cases under treatment 1,022
- Total number of confirmed cases 94,898
- Total number of recovered cases 89,240
- 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.
- In view of recent surge of COVID-19 in India and its adjacent 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
- AGM(Asia Gypsy Moth) inspection/certification services for vessels were temporarily suspended in Liaoning province NE China and Guangdong province South China including ports of Dalian, Dandong, Yingkou, Huangpu, Yangjiang, Zhanjiang, etc., as announced by CCIC - the authorized inspection organization. Yearly AGM high risk periods starts June 1 and ends September 31 in North China.



- Boarding a ship by shore staff including agents, port authorities, stevedores, etc. becomes more restrictive in many ports, contactless means for formalities of 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
- Personal protective measures must be in place, for both attending shore staff and crew, e.g. protective gowns, mouth mask, goggles
- 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 a valid nucleic acid test report issued within 7 days before 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 still prohibited in most China ports, as entry ban for foreigners announced by Foreign Ministry remains valid for the time being.
- Luckily, resumption of foreign crew change at Tianjin port is on trial since beginning of November 2020 as granted by local authorities, though the processes are extremely stringent and complicated, there have been only a few successful cases achieved by the end of the day which were mainly on emergency basis, e.g. crew's medical care or repatriation due to particular reasons.
- 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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