

Will Foreigners Be Isolated When Entering China? Govt Responds!

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Exit and Entry Q&A

Q1: Is an isolation for medical observation necessary for foreigners after they enter China?

A1: According to the needs of epidemic prevention and control, all localities shall follow relevant prevention and control measures for the personnel from countries and regions with serious outbreaks. These include temperature checking, home-based or centralized observation, as such can effectively prevent the transnational spread of the epidemic.

Q2: Will cross-border travel be limited as the epidemic spreads in many countries?

A2: The Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism of the State Council will pay close attention to the development of overseas epidemics, strengthen communication, coordination and consultation with other relevant countries, and avoid some unnecessary cross-border travel activities according to the situation and changes. The Chinese government hopes to work with foreign countries to ensure the personnel exchanges and cooperation in various fields between China and other countries are not greatly affected.

Q3: How do people exiting or entering China submit health reports?

A3: All people leaving or entering must complete the health declaration, which shall be checked by the customs port on whether they have symptoms, whether they have been to the epidemic area or country within 14 days, and whether they have contact history. The declaration card has been translated into more than ten languages, and a mini program called 海关旅客指尖服务 (Haiguan Lvke Zhijian Fuwu) has been specially developed. Before arriving at the port, they can fill out a health declaration form via the phone and pass through customs with the generated QR code.

Q4: How shall China prevent the epidemic from abroad in entry-exit management?

A4: By implementing strict medical inspection and screening, and timely transfer and quarantine. Which includes 100% inspection to people's health declaration forms; screening of their body temperatures; medical patrolling; epidemiological and medical investigations and laboratory testing to people who have symptoms, come from countries or regions in a serious epidemic situation, or who have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case. Transfer people with symptoms and their close contacts timely for quarantine and observation.

Q5: What are the prevention and control measures for international flights?

A5: Strengthen the ventilation and disinfection of aircraft and airports, carefully carry out the temperature screening of inbound and outbound passengers, strengthen the personal protection and health management of front-line personnel, including flight crew and security personnel, and timely release the prevention and control guidelines. Due to the current outbreak in some other countries and regions, CAAC has formulated differentiated epidemic prevention and control measures by regions and levels.