

No. 125 [2022] Notice on Epidemic Prevention and Control of Suzhou

With the joint efforts of all citizens, the epidemic prevention and control in Suzhou has delivered positive results, and the COVID-19 risk level of the entire city has been downgraded to low-risk. Given the grim and complicated epidemic situation, sporadic outbreaks and cluster infections in neighboring cities, we must never slack off on COVID-19 response. As from today, all areas across the city, except locked-down and controlled areas, shall resume the normal work and life in a well-organized way on condition of secure epidemic prevention. This notice hereby specifies the following rules:

- 1. Routine nucleic acid testing will be carried out.** All residents should take at least one test every three days and participate in the regional testing (at communities, companies, etc.) arranged by their place of residence on time. Those who fail to take regional testing will be given yellow health code.
- 2. Negative nucleic acid testing results within 72 hours** should be provided to enter companies, residential compounds and public venues and take public transport. Residents can take the test at convenience sampling sites or medical facilities voluntarily according to their travel arrangements.
- 3. Railway stations, coach stations, docks and checkpoints** should strictly check people and vehicles (ships) coming or returning to Suzhou. For vehicles and passengers that have only been to Suzhou in the past 14 days, they can pass freely without taking COVID tests at checkpoints as long as they have **48-hour negative results or 12-hour sampling certificates**.
- 4. All people coming or returning to Suzhou** should provide **48-hour negative COVID test results**, report to their employers, communities (villages) or accommodating hotels at their destination in advance, proactively register their information, and cooperate in health management measures.

5. Party committees, government departments, enterprises, public institutions, residential compounds (village committees) and public venues should continue checking temperatures, health codes and travel records of people coming in at the entrance and ask them to scan the venue code.

6. Relief policies and anti-epidemic guidance for companies will be fully delivered. Efforts should be made to facilitate companies and businesses to resume operations in an orderly manner.

7. Parks and fenceless scenic spots should open at 50% capacity and implement staggered shifts and reservation systems. Enclosed scenic spots, indoor cultural venues such as museums and libraries, indoor sports venues including gyms and natatoriums, theaters, internet cafés, mahjong parlors and chess and poker rooms stay closed. Eat-in service of restaurants remain suspended.

8. Agricultural (wholesale) markets, specialized markets, construction sites, logistics parks and other key venues should strictly check people and vehicles coming in at the entrance. Elderly care centers, nursing and welfare homes shall be subject to closed-off management.

9. Medical services at various outpatient departments and clinics (including traditional Chinese medicine, integrated Chinese and western medicine) will be resumed in an orderly manner. All drugstores should sell antibiotics and drugs for fever, cough and fighting viruses to customers on the basis of real-name registration. Report immediately when detecting people with fever or other suspicious symptoms.

10. Avoid unnecessary activities and follow the principle of “whoever hosts, whoever is accountable”. Much-needed activities should be brought online if possible. The size of various meetings and activities should be strictly controlled, and all attendees must have **48-hour negative nucleic acid test results**. For activities involving more than 50 participants, their organizers

should have a contingency plan and report to local epidemic control authorities in advance.

11. All citizens, especially those aged over 60, should **get a full course of vaccination in due time**. Eligible citizens should get a booster shot or receive sequential booster immunization -- a vaccination strategy that uses different types of vaccines for original and booster inoculations.

12. All citizens should increase their awareness of personal prevention, stay informed about domestic epidemic dynamics, plan trips properly, and avoid traveling to areas with epidemic outbreaks. Online shopping is not recommended, particularly avoid buying items from overseas and key areas with epidemic outbreaks. Take proper self-protection measures and disinfect before receiving or opening parcels and mail. Keep up the "three precautions against COVID-19" and bear in mind the "six to-dos still needed". Seek medical treatment at a fever clinic as soon as possible when having such suspicious symptoms as sore throat, dry cough, fever, fatigue and reduced sense of smell. Keep face mask on and avoid using public transport when seeking treatment.

This notice shall go into force as from 00:00 of May 6, 2022. Following countermeasures will be dynamically adjusted according to the epidemic situation.

A big thank-you to all citizens for your understanding, support and cooperation!

**Suzhou Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia
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