



NCP Outbreak: New Policy on Quarantine Requirement

In order to prevent and control the Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia (“NCP”) epidemic, both domestic infection and imported infection, one of most attention-grabbing measures adopted by Chinese government is mandatory quarantine requirement. Based on the current condition, Beijing government has rolled out some updated polices which stipulate some exceptions to the quarantine requirements. Shanghai and Guangzhou government insist on the quarantine requirements on inbound oversea travelers strictly. We hereby summarized the most updated information in the below chart:

I. Beijing

	Exception One ¹	Exception Two ²	Exception Three ³
Applicable People	Beijing visitors from Tianjin and Hebei Beijing residents return to Beijing from Tianjin and Hebei	Beijing visitors from low-risk areas ⁴	Beijing visitors, <i>especially the inbound oversea travelers</i> , who 1. have finished 14-day centralized quarantine at the redirected designations; 2. have taken lab test; 3. be qualified for home quarantine; 4. designate a health monitoring contact person
Policy	People whose Beijing Health App verifies the travel records and shows “no abnormal” shall not be quarantined.	People who 1. possess negative result for nucleic acid test which was conducted within 7 days or take nucleic acid test in a qualified hotel; 2. attend healthy management program in a qualified hotel; and 3. whose Beijing Health App shows “no abnormal” may freely access to hotel and business activities	These people may conduct 7-day home quarantine.

II. Shanghai & Guangzhou

City/Province	Centralized Quarantine	Home Quarantine	Exception
Shanghai	From March 28, 14-day centralized quarantine applies to all inbound travelers . ⁵ Nucleic acid test shall be applied on all inbound travelers.	From March 28, home quarantine only applies to the following people who cannot endure centralized quarantine, be confirmed negative nucleic acid test result, and be able to conduct home quarantine: σ the Elderly, the minors, the pregnant women, the disable, the people responsible to take care the elderly or the children, the people suffering special diseases.	N/A
Guangdong, e.g. Shenzhen	From March 27, 14-day centralized quarantine applies to all inbound travelers . ⁶ Nucleic acid test shall be applied on all inbound travelers. ⁷	Unknown by now	For personnel who maintain the operation of Hong Kong and Macao, and the cross-border drivers and crew who undertake the transportation of materials urgently needed by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, the 14-day centralized quarantine is suspended temporarily.

NCP Outbreak: Preferential Policy on Rent

On April 17, 2020, Beijing Municipal government announced some preferential policies to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). We hereby summarized the most updated polices on the rent for your reference.⁸

Applicable Enterprise	SMEs that 1. lease real property of the state-owned enterprises in the city and district of Beijing to <i>engage in production and operation activities</i> ; and 2. insist on business operation, or close and shut down the business in accordance with the epidemic prevention regulations, without layoffs or fewer layoffs	SMEs that lease real property of the state-owned enterprises in the city and district of Beijing for office.	SMEs that lease real property of the state-owned enterprises in the city and district of Beijing for other purposes.
Policy	Exempt the rent for March and April	50% reduction of rent for March and April	Encourage the landlords/ owners to exempt or reduce rent

As the epidemic continues to progress worldwide, China may gradually update the quarantine rules. Travelers with plans to visit China are advised to pay close attention to the notice issued by relevant government departments. As always, Asiallians remains at your services and our teams are currently mobilized in all our offices in China, but also in Hong Kong, Taipei.

NCP Outbreak: Guangdong Released Policy of Zero Tolerance for Any Discrimination on Foreigners

In a notification to Chinese and foreign citizens issued on April 18, 2020, the Foreign Affairs Office of Guangdong Province called for no discrimination against foreigners during the prevention and control of the COVID-19 epidemic, and the government promised to treat all individuals equally, regardless of nationality, race, gender or age. Especially, it is forbidden for any departments, enterprises, organizations, or individuals to restrict or refuse foreigners’ access to hotels, shopping centers, restaurants, parks, medical institutions, public transports and other places of daily life. In addition, for any reasonable request concerning epidemic prevention and control, foreigners can ask help from the multilingual service hotline 1258088 (24-hour available).

Moreover, it is stated that Covid-19 prevention and control measures issued by the government applies equally to everyone as well, and foreigners must also actively cooperate with the government and obey the Covid-19 epidemic prevention and control rules.

<http://www.gdfa.gov.cn/Item/26669.aspx>

China’s Two Sessions to Open in Late May

China’s Two Sessions are the names for meetings of two of China’s major political bodies – the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and the National People’s Congress (NPC), which are the most important political meeting in China. The Two Sessions are normally convened in March each year; however, due to the NCP outbreak, it was announced in February 2020 that the Two Sessions will be postponed.

Beijing government finally released that the Two Sessions will be held in late May. Specifically, the third plenary session of the 13th NPC will be convened on May 22, 2020, while the third plenary session of the 13th CPPCC will be started on May 21, 2020.

Every year during the Two Sessions, many draft legislations will be discussed.

<http://www.npc.gov.cn/npc/c30834/202004/c13d00b23a39415fa21eb2609ea1cd25.shtml>

1. See: http://www.beijing.gov.cn/zhengce/zcjd/202004/t20200421_1860257.html

2. See: http://www.beijing.gov.cn/zhengce/zcjd/202004/t20200421_1860257.html

3. <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/OUFr2NUKGIJDi1glOpsPXQ>

4. Currently, most of the districts/cities in China are recorded as low risk. For example, all districts from Wuhan, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen are recorded as low risk. However, some districts in Heilongjiang province are recorded as medium risk. For checking the updated status of each district of a city, please kindly refer to the government website:

<http://bmfw.www.gov.cn/yqfxdjc/index.html>

Red color represents high risk; orange color represents medium risk; green color represents low risk.

5. See: <http://www.shanghai.gov.cn/nw2/nw2314/nw2315/nw4411/u21aw1435986.html>

Please bear in mind that for diplomatic personnel entering China and personnel engaged in important economic, trade, scientific research and technical cooperation, if there are other provisions, they shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions. We will keep a close eye on the relevant provisions.

6. See: http://www.gd.gov.cn/gdywdt/bmdt/content/post_2952990.html

It is worthy to note that as of March 25, all non-Hong Kong residents will not be able to enter Hong Kong after arriving at Hong Kong International Airport by air from overseas countries or regions.

7. See: http://www.sz.gov.cn/cn/xxgk/zfxgj/zwdt/content/post_7050170.html

8. See: http://www.beijing.gov.cn/zhengce/zhengcefagui/202004/t20200417_1814532.html

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