

## Transcript of the press conference of the State Council Information Office of January 22, 2020 (last before Spring Festival)

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### **Yanyan Chun:**

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, journalist friends. Everyone is welcome to attend the press conference of the State Council Information Office. Recently, everyone has paid great attention to the prevention and control of pneumonia outbreaks of new coronavirus infections. To help you better understand the relevant situation, today we invited Mr. Li Bin, Deputy Director of the National Health and Health Committee, and Mr. Xu Shuqiang, Director of the Emergency Management Office of the National Health and Health Committee. Ms. Jiao Yahui, person in charge of the Medical Administration and Hospital Administration of the National Health and Health Committee, Mr. **(10)(2e)**, member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and director of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Ask them to introduce the relevant situation to everyone and answer the questions from friends of the reporter.

First of all, Mr. Li Bin is invited to make an introduction. 2020-01-22 10:01:44

### **Li Bin:**

Since the outbreak of pneumonia caused by the new coronavirus, the Party Central Committee and the State Council have attached great importance to it. General Secretary Xi Jinping has repeatedly questioned the epidemic situation and the treatment of patients, and made important instructions and instructions for the prevention and control of the epidemic. Premier Li Keqiang has made important instructions on many occasions. On the morning of January 20, the executive meeting of the State Council studied the deployment of epidemic prevention and control. Vice Premier Sun Chunlan listened to reports many times and studied and guided the prevention and control work. On the afternoon of January 20th, an important deployment was made on the conference call of the National Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism. On the evening of January 20th, a conference was convened to conduct a special study on the deployment of prevention and control work.

The National Health and Health Commission seriously implemented the spirit of the important instructions of General Secretary Jinping, implemented the important instructions of Premier Li Keqiang and the work arrangement of the State Council executive meeting, and quickly established a leading group for epidemic response and disposal of the comrades in

charge of the comrades. Discussed the epidemic prevention and control work, and sent a national working group and expert team to Wuhan to guide the implementation of epidemic prevention and control measures in Wuhan, Hubei Province in accordance with the principle of territorial management.

The **first** is to strengthen disease tracing and technical guidance. More than a week after the epidemic was discovered, the pathogen was quickly identified as a new coronavirus, and technical solutions such as case diagnosis and treatment, emergency monitoring, epidemiological investigation and disposal, and sampling and testing were formulated.

The **second** is to do our best to reduce severe illness and death. According to the "four concentration" principle of centralized cases, centralized experts, centralized resources, and centralized treatment, suspicious cases are collected in designated hospitals. One case per person for severe cases is implemented, and national medical experts have been stationed in Wuhan for a long time to guide medical treatment.

The **third** is to persist in information disclosure and international exchanges and cooperation. Guide Wuhan to establish a daily epidemic information system to the public, strengthen public awareness of disease prevention and other work, take the initiative to strengthen communication with the World Health Organization, relevant countries, and Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan on epidemic information, and carry out timely and regular expert-level. The prevention and control technical details were exchanged, and experts from the World Health Organization, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan were invited to go to Wuhan to inspect the epidemic prevention and control work.

With the changes in the situation of epidemic prevention and control, we have further strengthened the deployment of epidemic prevention and control work on the basis of continuing to do the above work.

The **first** is to strengthen the multi-sector joint prevention and control work mechanism. Improved the National Health and Health Commission's lead, including more than 30 departments to work with new coronavirus infection pneumonia epidemic joint prevention and control work mechanism, under the comprehensive, epidemic prevention and control, medical treatment, scientific research, logistics support, forward working groups, respectively Responsible comrades of the relevant departments serve as the team leader, clarify responsibilities, divide work and cooperate to jointly advance the epidemic prevention and control work.

The **second** is to strengthen guidance for the prevention and control of the epidemic in Wuhan. **Urge Wuhan City**, Hubei Province to strengthen emergency response, "import entrance", strict management of farmers' markets, prohibit the sale of live poultry, and prohibit the entry of wild animals and live poultry into Wuhan. Take the "exit barriers" well, implement temperature screening at airports, train stations, bus stations, and docks, strictly adopt isolation and observation measures for patients with fever and close contacts, and minimize public gathering activities.

The **third** is to do a good job in preventing and responding to epidemics across the country. Pneumonia infected by the new coronavirus is included in the legally infectious disease class B, and measures for the prevention and control of class A infectious diseases are adopted. At the same time, it is included in the frontier health quarantine and infectious disease management. Case diagnosis and treatment, prevention and control programs were issued to the whole country, and a daily report and zero report system was established throughout the country. The National Office of Health and Welfare deployed a patriotic health campaign in winter and spring with the theme of strengthening market environmental sanitation.

As of 24:00 on January 21, our committee received a total of 440 confirmed cases of pneumonitis with new coronavirus infection in 13 provinces (autonomous regions and municipalities) in China, a total of 9 reported deaths, and 3 new cases, all of which were Hubei cases. . 149 new cases of pneumonia confirmed by coronavirus infection were reported, 1 confirmed case was received from Japan, 3 confirmed cases were reported from Thailand, and 1 confirmed case was reported from South Korea. At present, 2197 close contacts have been tracked, 765 have been released from medical observation, and 1394 are still receiving medical observation.

Recently, the number of cases has changed greatly, which has something to do with the continuous deepening of our understanding of the disease, the improvement of diagnostic methods, the optimization and distribution of diagnostic reagents to the country. Experts judged that the cases were mainly related to Wuhan, that human-to-human transmission and medical staff infections had occurred, and there was a certain range of community transmission. The epidemic is mainly transmitted through the respiratory tract. The virus may mutate and the epidemic is at risk of further spread. At present, during the Spring Festival, the surge in personnel mobility has objectively increased the risk of epidemic spread and the difficulty of prevention and control. We must not take it lightly and be highly vigilant.

In the **next step**, we will work with members of the joint prevention and control mechanism to resolutely implement the decision-making arrangements of the Party Central Committee and the State Council, put the people's lives and health in the first place, and guide localities to take effective measures in accordance with the principles of territorial management To ensure that the people have a peaceful and peaceful Spring Festival.

The **first** is to strictly guard against death and control the epidemic in Wuhan. Urge Hubei Province and Wuhan City to adopt the strictest prevention and control measures in accordance with the law, strengthen the supervision of farmer's markets and wildlife control, prevent internal proliferation and external export, persuade the public to disperse and not to gather, minimize the gathering activities of the public and avoid gathering The outbreak occurred. Adopt the strictest measures for fever detection, implement medical observations for fever, and prevent further spread of the epidemic.

The **second** is to keep an eye on work across the country and resolutely implement epidemic prevention and control measures. We will keep close monitoring of pneumonia of unknown cause, and send out two nets for pre-examination and sub-diagnosis of fever, make preparations for case treatment, and timely detect and effectively handle the epidemic situation. Strengthen environmental sanitation, combined with the increased mobility of personnel during the Spring Festival, and implement measures such as ventilation, disinfection, and temperature measurement at stations, airports, terminals, and other important places, as well as closed vehicles such as cars, trains, and airplanes.

The third is to spare no effort to treat patients. Allocate the strongest Chinese and Western medical resources and expert resources, and integrate Chinese and Western medicine to minimize deaths. Strengthen the protection of patient medical treatment costs to ensure that patients are treated in a timely manner. Caring for and caring for medical staff, providing logistical support, and arranging reasonable rest, especially directing personal protection to prevent medical staff from being infected during the treatment of patients.

The **fourth** is to do a good job of information release and international cooperation. Timely, openly and transparently release epidemic information, objectively report the progress of the epidemic and preventive control measures adopted by the government, seek truth from facts, and scientifically publicize epidemic protection knowledge. Continue to proactively strengthen the communication of epidemic information with the World Health Organization,

relevant countries, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, timely share epidemic monitoring, investigation, prevention information and risk assessment opinions, and jointly discuss and improve epidemic prevention and control measures.

The **fifth** is to increase research efforts on epidemic prevention and control. Give full play to the strength of experts, find out the source of infection and the route of transmission as soon as possible, and do a good job in the research and development and screening of antiviral drugs. Closely track and monitor the changes in virus virulence and transmission to improve the science and effectiveness of epidemic prevention and control.

**Sixth** is to deploy a national health system to strengthen watchkeeping. Arrange health administrative departments and medical and health units at all levels to dispatch personnel who are familiar with the work, and do a good job on duty during the Spring Festival, and medical institutions and disease control agencies at all levels will retain sufficient staff.

The occurrence of the epidemic affects everyone's heart. We will go all out to do a good job of prevention and control and resolutely curb the spread of the epidemic. I believe that we have the strong leadership of the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core, the institutional advantages of socialism with Chinese characteristics, the relatively complete prevention and control system for sudden and emerging infectious diseases established since SARS in 2003, and the response to the H1N1 influenza A. The practical experience accumulated in major public health incidents such as bird flu, Ebola hemorrhagic fever, and the like, with the support of the broad masses of the people, we are confident of victory in epidemic prevention and control.

**Yanyan Chun:**

Thank you Mr. Li Bin for your introduction. Let 's start asking questions. Please inform your news organization before asking questions. 2020-01-22 10:22:47

**CCTV reporter:**

*As we all know, the SARS epidemic in 2003 eventually turned into a public health crisis affecting many countries around the world. What measures will China take to prevent the epidemic from spreading further? Thank you.*

**Li Bin:**

23 days ago, that is, December 30, 2019, our committee was informed of the occurrence of viral pneumonia of unknown cause in Wuhan, Hubei Province, and dispatched a national working group and an expert group to implement the national, provincial and municipal linkage. Guide and support Wuhan to make every effort to prevent and control the epidemic.

The first is to spare no effort to treat patients. The second is to seriously organize the investigation and judgment of the epidemic situation. According to the information available, Wuhan has decisively closed the place where patients were concentratedly exposed, that is, the South China Seafood Wholesale Market. Carry out case search and isolation treatment, close contact tracing and medical observation throughout the city. Third, experts from provinces and cities of the country immediately studied and formulated related prevention and treatment programs, organized the implementation of epidemiological investigations, specimen collection and inspection, and traceability of pathogens. Fourth, the situation will be announced to the public on December 31.

On January 8, 2020, after the preliminary determination of the outbreak pathogen as a new coronavirus, China immediately organized the development of a test kit, optimized the detection plan, strengthened the case search, detection, and review, while paying close



attention to the changes in the epidemic situation and timely revising the relevant control plans, Adjust case management and various prevention and control measures, and strive to reduce the incidence of severe cases and deaths.

On the basis of the original measures, efforts have been made to strengthen measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic. These measures include strengthening the isolation and treatment of cases, tracking and medical observation of close contacts, strengthening the environmental regulation and management of the farmers' market in Wuhan, launching patriotic health campaigns, and publishing Epidemic information, universal knowledge on prevention and control, and body temperature screening at airports and stations.

In the **next step**, China's governments at all levels, health and other departments will continue to implement the decision-making arrangements of the Party Central Committee. It is required to continue to focus on Wuhan and strengthen the implementation of various prevention and control measures. At the same time, further strengthen national prevention and control work, strictly implement prevention and control measures during the "Spring Festival Transport" period, strengthen epidemic monitoring reports, response and timely release of information, and increase research efforts on epidemic prevention and control, and further strengthen international exchanges and cooperation. . The Chinese government and people are confident of defeating this new infectious disease and winning the sniper war of this epidemic. Thank you.

**Bloomberg reporter:**

*I have two questions: First, it is now during the Spring Festival that a large number of people are moving. Is it possible that people will continue to travel from Wuhan to other places, resulting in greater transmission risks? Second, a British university study said that according to last week's epidemiological study, 2,000 people were expected to be infected in China. Has there been any prediction of how many infected people have not yet been treated? Thank you.*

**Li Bin:**

This is a very important issue. I will first introduce the relevant situation of the first question, and then I will invite Academician (10)(2e) of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention to introduce the research of British universities and answer the current epidemic situation.

In view of the current situation of prevention and control of pneumonia caused by new-type coronavirus infection, and in view of the large flow of people during the Spring Festival, the Chinese government has raised the prevention and control of pneumonia caused by new-type coronavirus infection to the national level, made institutional arrangements, and decisively initiated the joint prevention and control mechanism. The pandemic prevention and control efforts have established a joint pneumonia joint prevention and control working mechanism to respond to new coronavirus infection, led by the National Health and Health Commission, and composed of 32 departments. As I have just introduced, there are several groups to implement departmental responsibilities. Centering on epidemic prevention and control, breaking the boundaries of departmental responsibilities, forming an effective command coordination force, and realizing three-dimensional, full coverage and efficient coordination of epidemic prevention and response.

The National Health and Health Commission deployed and supervised and guided the local health and health departments to strengthen the prevention and control measures of the epidemic. On January 14th, a video conference of the national health and health system was held to inform the provincial health and health departments of the epidemic prevention and

control situation, and the localities were strengthened to monitor the epidemic. , Make every effort to prepare for the response. From January 17th to 18th, 7 supervision teams were dispatched to supervise and inspect 8 provinces including Hebei and Guangdong to guide the prevention and control work. Now we have also specially appointed government officials and experts to form a number of supervision groups to further increase supervision and push forward the implementation of work. On January 19, clear requirements were made for the prevention and control of pneumonia caused by new-type coronavirus infections in various places. The national health system was deployed to strengthen on-duty duty and strictly implement prevention and control measures during the Spring Festival

In response to the outbreak in Wuhan, Director **Ma Xiaowei** of the National Health and Health Commission made a special trip to the local area on January 15 to instruct Wuhan City, Hubei Province to further implement various prevention and control measures.

The first is to strengthen the management of Wuhan's foreign transport personnel, start body temperature detection at airports, railway stations, and coach stations to screen fever patients. Currently, Wuhan Tianhe Airport has 15 probe-type thermometers and three major railway stations. 20 probe-type thermometers.

The second is to strengthen the management of the source of the infection. I have just introduced this situation. On the basis of strengthening the management of the farmer's market, we have also strengthened supervision of key departments such as supermarkets and restaurants to severely crack down on wild animal trading.

The third is to strengthen the management of crowd activities and reduce the gathering activities of large publics.

The fourth is to carry out patriotic health campaigns. In order to prevent the spread of the epidemic, the Wuhan Municipal People 's Government has issued an appeal in the media on January 21. Journalists and friends may have received this information. In principle, if it is not necessary, it is recommended that people outside do not go to Wuhan. Wuhan 's citizens have not Do not leave Wuhan under spécial circumstances. This can reduce the mobility of personnel and reduce the possibility of virus transmission.

For provinces where cases have occurred, the first is to strengthen the surveillance and response to the epidemic situation and implement the "five early" measures, that is, early detection, early reporting, early isolation, early diagnosis, and early treatment of cases. The word "early" is very important. The second is to allocate medical resources to strengthen the treatment of cases, do a good job of tracking and management of close contacts, prevention and control of hospital infection and laboratory biosafety. The third is to launch a "patriotic health campaign" to increase environmental governance and delay the spread of the epidemic.

For provinces where no cases have been found, the first is to develop and improve emergency plans and work plans. The second is to do a good job in preparations for negative pressure ambulances, negative pressure wards, diagnosis and treatment experts, therapeutic drugs, testing reagents, killing drugs, protective drugs, prevention and control teams and emergency teams. The third is to carry out training for medical staff and public health professionals to ensure that effective treatment can be regulated in the event of an outbreak.

Through the above measures, the risk of cross-regional and cross-border spread of the epidemic during the Spring Festival will be minimized. Regarding your second question, please ask Academician **(10)(2e)** to answer

**(10)(2e)**:

Dear journalists, this question is very good. I think any such question is a science-based one. First of all, I also looked at the calculation results of this scientist. This is a mathematical model. The number you just asked is the maximum number of numbers he calculated. Everyone knows that knowing any new thing, especially a virus like this, must be "facts are facts, and knowledge theory is theory." We also welcome everyone to propose various models, in fact, many models have come out now. Is this model consistent with the facts? Director Li has just announced our measures and the open and transparent epidemic situation. I think, as you get to know the virus, you will verify this model.

The situation we have at present is not the situation of the model calculated by this scientist.

**Reuters reporter:**

*I have two questions. First of all, can you give more details, and why has the number of confirmed cases surged in recent days? Is it because of some new detection measures? In addition, compared with SARS and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome), is the virus more severe or less severe this time? Please make a specific comparison.*

**Li Bin:**

This question is very professional, please Academician (10)(2e) share some details with you.

**(10)(2e):**

When a reporter friend asked a question, he mentioned new detection technology, so he has already given some answers. As I mentioned just now, especially in the face of such an epidemic, humans have a process of understanding it. The model just mentioned is a model based on your past cognition of this type of virus, and it is the crystallization of human wisdom.

You mentioned the increase in the outbreak. This is a fact. You answered some of the questions. Our knowledge of the virus is also a gradual process. Everyone thinks back, in this cognitive process, science is our powerful weapon.

Just now, Deputy Director Li Bin and everyone said that after the epidemic situation was discovered, professional organizations made professional work arrangements in a timely manner, and soon discovered that it is a new type of coronavirus, quickly clarified its genome sequence, and quickly isolated it. virus. This is also the past 70 years since the founding of New China, especially in terms of disease prevention and control specialization in recent years. It is a scientific progress. In the process of cognitive disease, I think everyone is concerned about how this virus is different from SARS and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome). Coronaviruses that infect humans, and now there are seven of them, four of which are weakly pathogenic to humans and weaker than seasonal flu. Everyone knows that SARS and MERS (Middle East respiratory syndrome) are more serious. We are constantly learning about this virus. thank you all.

**China Daily reporter:**

*At present, medical personnel have confirmed the infection. Can you tell us more about this situation and what measures will be taken to protect the safety of front-line medical personnel? Thank you.*

**Li Bin:**

With regard to infection by medical personnel, the whole society is very concerned about it. From the health and health department, this work is highly valued. In this regard, please ask Deputy Director Jiao Yahui of the Medical Administration and Hospital Authority to introduce the relevant situation to friends in the media. 2020-01-22 10:43:52

**Jiao Yahui:**

Thank you for your question. Recently, everyone also saw that from the WeChat notification of the **Wuhan Municipal Health and Health Commission**, medical personnel were notified of pneumonia cases confirmed by a new coronavirus infection. In our committee, when the high-level expert group answered questions from reporters, Academician **Zhong Nanshan** also mentioned the presence of medical staff infections, and also reminded that the phenomenon of human-to-human transmission has occurred, and we must be vigilant. We are also saddened to see cases of infection by medical staff. Medical staff is indeed a high-risk occupation. Especially since the outbreak of pneumonia, they have been adhering to the clinical front line and working overtime continuously. The medical staff of each shift has to work for 10 hours a day, and they also need to wear isolation clothing and protective clothing, protective equipment, work It was very hard. When I came out of the ward, my whole body was soaked with sweat, and my physical health declined, but they remained firmly at the clinical front line and we paid tribute to them.

**Jiao Yahui:**

The emergence of medical staff infection cases, on the one hand, provides evidence for human transmission, on the other hand, it also reveals that our medical institutions still have some weak links in the prevention and control of hospital infections. Of course, just as Academician **(10)(2e)** mentioned just now, our development of this disease is also a process of gradual recognition. This disease also has a process of development and change. It also has different characteristics in the early and present, so our protection and hospital infection control measures need to be adjusted accordingly. Now we have taken a series of measures to address this weak link. On the one hand, we have revised and improved the personal protection standards and specifications of medical personnel. On the other hand, we have proposed more stringent measures for the prevention and control of hospital infections. After improving these technical solutions, it is also necessary to train medical personnel nationwide.

The emergence of infection by medical personnel this time also reminds us that not only in the departments related to patient infection, but also in other non-infection-related departments, we must also be highly vigilant about hospital infection prevention and early detection of patients. We will also take more stringent prevention and control measures to ensure the treatment of patients, while also protecting the personal protection and safety of medical staff. Because only if the medical personnel's personal protection is done, can they have a stronger fighting force to defeat this pneumonia epidemic. Thank you.

**Singapore Lianhe Zaobao reporter:**

*We have seen a surge in the number of confirmed cases over the past few days. May I ask if the early information disclosure was not sufficient? Is there any government concealment of the epidemic? Thank you.*

**Li Bin:**

Mr. **Xu Shuqiang**, Director of the Emergency Management Office, is invited to introduce the relevant situation to you

**Xu Shuqiang:**

Deputy Director Li Bin has emphasized in the introduction just now that we attach great importance to information disclosure, and information disclosure is very important. After the outbreak, the National Health and Health Commission directed the Wuhan Municipal Health and Health Committee of Hubei Province to release outbreak and prevention and control information on December 31, 2019 and January 3, 5, and 9, 2020. According to changes in the

development of the epidemic, Daily updates released from January 11. On January 9th, our commission publicly released the results of the pathogen detection and determined it to be a new type of coronavirus.

Recently, cases have been reported in areas outside Wuhan, Hubei. In order to enable the general public to grasp the information of the epidemic in a timely, accurate and comprehensive manner, starting from January 20th, the National Health and Health Commission will collect and publish the data of confirmed and suspected cases in all provinces across the country daily. We will stick to the daily release system, including during the Spring Festival, until the release is no longer needed. Thank you.

**Surging news reporter:**

*We know that SARS produced super communicators that year, which led to a rapid increase in the epidemic. Yesterday it was reported that a super communicator that infected 14 medical staff had appeared. I would like to ask, will there be a large-scale outbreak of this epidemic due to the presence of super-spreaders due to the mutation of this virus? Will this epidemic evolve into another SARS? Thank you.*

**Li Bin:**

My friends in the media are still very interested in some technical questions and ask very professionally. Academician (10)(2e), please communicate the situation with you.

**(10)(2e):**

Your question is really good. If you are willing to read related professional articles, about two or three years ago, there was no new coronavirus at that time. A magazine called "Microbiology Trends" specifically talked about the occurrence of SARS, MERS (Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome) and super communicators. The relationship between. As I said just now, we are in the process of constantly cognizing this new coronavirus and constantly accumulating knowledge about it. So, we have no evidence that we already have the super communicator you just mentioned. You should know that MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) has occurred in the Middle East, and no super communicator has been found, but when it comes to South Korea, it can be said that there is a super communicator, otherwise there will not be more than 180 patients and 38 death Case. This is what everyone has observed. If you are interested, you can read my related articles. This is entirely a scientific issue and we will pay close attention to it. Because professionally and technically, we have seen this kind of coronavirus. Our prevention and control measures are prevention and control measures under the guidance of theory. We pay special attention to the possible super communicators you mentioned.

Your question is also a very important direction to guide our prevention and control.

**Itan Tass News Agency reporter:**

*The border between China and Russia is very long. In order to curb the spread of the pneumonia epidemic of the new coronavirus infection, what kind of prevention and control measures has China taken in areas relying on Russian territory? Do Chinese and Russian government departments keep in touch on this issue? Please introduce the detailed situation of international cooperation. Thank you.*

**Li Bin:**

Let me answer this question. Regarding national prevention and control, I have just introduced it. At present, we must implement these prevention and control measures and truly achieve the "five early", early detection, early reporting, early diagnosis, early isolation, and



early treatment. We must implement these measures well and effectively control the epidemic situation. At the same time, we have also strengthened the control of infectious diseases. Now we have classified this infectious disease as a Class B infectious disease and a Class A management. You may have seen the announcement of the Commission. The announcement is in two aspects. The first aspect is that according to the Infectious Diseases Prevention Law, we have classified this infectious disease as a Type B infectious disease and Category A management. Items. The second aspect is that according to the international quarantine law, this infectious disease is classified as an international quarantine infectious disease. We have also strengthened port management. The customs department is further implementing various prevention and control measures in this regard.

Regarding international and regional cooperation, I would like to introduce several aspects:

**First**, after the outbreak, in a manner of openness and transparency and a high degree of responsibility for global health security, China promptly notified the World Health Organization, relevant countries including Russia, and Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan regions of the epidemic. As of January 20, the information has been shared 15 times in total.

**Second**, maintain close communication with the World Health Organization. Director Ma Xiaowei has written to the WHO Director-General several times to report the epidemic situation information, exchange the progress of epidemic prevention and control, share the whole sequence of new coronavirus to the World Health Organization as soon as possible, and set up a special class to organize Chinese experts and WHO Experts conducted in-depth exchanges. At present, four expert communication meetings have been held, and WHO experts are invited to visit Wuhan, Hubei, to conduct field inspections and visits to further understand the epidemic situation, deepen the understanding of the epidemic situation and reach consensus, and strengthen cooperation and joint response.

**Third**, do a good job of bilateral communication. Our committee maintains close communication with counterpart technical departments and embassies in China such as Thailand, Japan, South Korea, and the United States, shares epidemic information, verifies information on suspected and confirmed cases, and promptly responds to foreign concerns.

**Fourth**, strengthen communication and collaboration with Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan. In addition to regular information sharing, our committee has invited experts from Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan to visit the corresponding medical and health institutions in Wuhan, and conducted in-depth exchanges with local medical and health personnel to further understand the situation. In response to requests from Hong Kong and Macau, we have provided diagnostic kits to Hong Kong and Macau free of charge. Thank you.

**Economic Daily News reporter:**

*I would like to ask how ordinary people should prevent this pneumonia. Any suggestions? For example, we are highly skeptical that we are taking this coronavirus pneumonia. What medicines can we take to improve the symptoms? If the diagnosis is pneumonia, are there any specialized medical institutions or outpatient clinics to receive these patients? Specialized medical institutions to treat patients? Thank you.*

**Li Bin:**

This topic has become a topic of concern to the whole people, and today is also a very good opportunity to further relevant information and knowledge, please media friends to help us do a good job of publicity. Now, please ask Deputy Director Jiao Yahui to introduce the relevant situation and prevention knowledge. 2020-01-22 11:25:33

**Jiao Yahui:**

Thank you for your question. For ordinary people, everyone is very concerned about how I can't prevent this kind of pneumonia. **First** of all, we should pay attention to it. At this time, you should try to reduce to people-intensive places, whether it is home, workplace, or school. Of course, now students have already holidays, and it is necessary to maintain the habit of regular indoor ventilation. Even in the north, it is recommended to open the window for a short time in winter. When symptoms of fever or cough appear, it is recommended to wear a mask. We advocate the the habitual wearing of masks. Cover your mouth and nose with a handkerchief or paper when you sneeze. In addition, you must wear a mask to protect yourself and other people. This is routine. In addition, wash your hands frequently. If you accidentally cover your mouth and nose, wash your hands after sneezing. Do not rub your eyes or touch the mucous membranes after sneezing. In general, personal protection and personal hygiene are required.

When there are some discomforts, such as cough and fever, we recommend not to take the medicine first, or to check it online. Follow the online advice to take the medicine yourself, without going to the hospital. I think it can be over for two days. . At this stage, we recommend that if such symptoms occur, you must go to the hospital in time to seek the correct diagnosis and treatment of a doctor. Hospitals at level 2 or higher, that is, our hospitals in districts, counties, cities, and provinces all have fever clinics. When patients have symptoms, whether they go to a general clinic or a fever clinic, even if they go to a general clinic, they will have professional medical services. The staff took the body temperature and found that the patient's temperature had risen. He would prompt him to wear a mask and guide him to a fever clinic for investigation. Because this season is also the season when other respiratory diseases are high, clear other respiratory diseases are excluded, and those with high suspicion will be isolated and observed. We use laboratory testing methods to make a clear diagnosis. Even when visiting a primary medical institution, such as a community health service center, doctors will conduct preliminary screening during admission, will record the information of fever patients in detail, and will be referred to a second-level or higher hospital that has the conditions for diagnosis and treatment if they are highly suspect. Diagnosis and treatment.

For suspected and confirmed cases, we receive intensive treatment from designated hospitals, designated hospitals and backup hospitals have been designated in various places. Once the epidemic has expanded and cases have increased, backup hospitals are activated at any time. There are more patients with epidemic conditions and the designated hospitals cannot accept them. At that time, we also have reserve hospitals, and detailed plans have been formulated in each place. In SARS in 2003, Beijing also urgently built Xiaotangshan Hospital and undertook the transformation of the centralized admission hospital. If the epidemic really develops to this stage, we can also temporarily rebuild some hospitals to receive patients. Of course, our current epidemic situation is far from reaching this level, so our medical resources are still sufficient to provide timely diagnosis and treatment services for the majority of patients. Thank you.

**Hong Kong Grand Official Reporter:**

*There are a lot of rumors on the Internet now. We are very concerned about the real situation in Wuhan now. Are there any cases of "no admission to hospital" on the Internet? Do people in Wuhan now recommend going home to visit relatives during the Spring Festival? Thank you.*

**Li Bin:**

This issue was also introduced in the introduction process just now. There is a process for cognition of new cases. Therefore, this process needs to be based on scientific evidence. In

the light of the development of the entire epidemic situation, the various diagnosis and treatment, Prevention and control programs. Recently, the number of cases in Wuhan has indeed increased relatively quickly. The main reason is that after the pathogen is determined to be a new type of coronavirus, laboratory diagnostic methods have been rapidly established, and pathogen diagnostic reagents have been rapidly developed and optimized, so cases can be detected relatively quickly. . But this all has a process. With our continuous development, continuous optimization, and continuous application in the clinic, we continuously improve the level of diagnosis and treatment and the ability to discover. At the same time, according to the analysis of the epidemiological investigation, the search scope of pneumonia cases treated by relevant medical institutions in Wuhan was expanded in time, sampling tests were conducted, and timely diagnosis was given. For patients diagnosed, we also release the epidemic situation in a timely manner. As the diagnosis continues to be clarified, the epidemic situation is also followed up and released in a timely manner.

Everyone is more concerned about going to Wuhan. I just introduced it. The Wuhan government has already issued reminders and reminders. At present, more than 90% of the confirmed cases nationwide are concentrated in Wuhan, and human-to-human and medical staff infections have occurred in the local area. There is a certain range of community-based transmission. At present, the virus is mainly transmitted through the respiratory tract. There is a possibility that the virus may mutate and the epidemic situation is at risk of further spread. Recently, Academician **Zhong Nanshan**, the leader of the high-level expert group of the National Health and Health Commission, said that the pneumonia epidemic of new coronavirus infection is currently a local outbreak in Wuhan, and the focus of prevention and control of the recent epidemic is still in Wuhan. Academician Zhong as a scientist has put forward suggestions in a very responsible manner to the broad masses of the people. In principle, do not go to Wuhan, and the masses in Wuhan do not go to Wuhan. This is the academician Zhong's advice to everyone. This advice is still very responsible. .

In order to prevent the spread of the epidemic, the leaders of the Wuhan Municipal People's Government issued an appeal in the media on January 21, and I have just introduced the situation just now. The appeal of the Wuhan Municipal Government is that if it is not necessary in principle, it is recommended that people outside do not go to Wuhan, and Wuhan citizens do not leave Wuhan without special circumstances. This can reduce personnel mobility, reduce the possibility of virus transmission, and enable prevention and control to be obtained as soon as possible. effect. This also fully reflects the sense of responsibility and mission of the Wuhan Municipal Government and the people of Wuhan in preventing the spread of the epidemic, and also expressing their determination and confidence in preventing and controlling the epidemic and defeating the disease. Thank you.

**Japanese TV reporter:**

*Mr. (10)(2e) just said that the virus is still in the process of continuous recognition. Please tell us about the virus, such as the source of the virus, how long the incubation period is, and the risk factor, especially for children and how young is the risk factor. Thank you.*

**(10)(2e) :**

We also introduced just now that we are in a cognitive process of this virus. It now appears that it has some common characteristics when the coronavirus appeared in many aspects, but this virus also displays some of its own characteristics, including its source. We now know that the source of this virus is now focused on a market where there are wildlife trades, so the source may be wildlife and the environment it pollutes. At first, it was only animal-to-human transmission, and then the virus was making adaptive mutations to the host. Everyone has seen Disney's "Cat and Mouse". The relationship between viruses and humans is like a cat and

mouse game, adapting to each other. To this stage, the phenomenon of person-to-person transmission has indeed occurred, and some community transmissions have occurred. So, it goes through three processes. From now on, its source is the wild animals sold in the seafood market. The virus of this wild animal is also gradually adapting, which also accords with human's understanding of this type of coronavirus. Of course, I also said at the beginning that it still needs to be further researched over time. For example, just as you said, how does it affect children and younger people, in terms of current epidemiology and current In terms of cognition, it is not easy to determine.

**Beijing Youth Daily reporter:**

*I would like to ask, just now we have been emphasizing that the pneumonia of the new coronavirus is included in the control of type A management of type B. What does this sentence mean? What levels of public health emergencies are considered in this outbreak for emergency response? Thank you.*

**Li Bin:**

I may not have introduced it in detail just now. I would like to ask Director Xu Shuqiang to introduce the overall management and emergency situation in detail.

**Xu Shuqiang:**

Just now Director Li introduced that the current epidemic prevention and control has reached a most critical stage. The State Council has incorporated pneumonitis infected with a new coronavirus into a legal infectious disease and classified it as a Class A tube. Prevention and control measures, which means that various localities, departments and various types of medical and health institutions can adopt screening for fever patients, diagnosis and treatment of suspected cases, close contact isolation medical observation, and other stricter measures. Prevention and control measures effectively control the spread of the epidemic.

Regarding the grading of the incident, you may already know that in the early morning of the 22nd, the People's Government of Hubei Province issued the "Notice on Strengthening the Prevention and Control of New Coronavirus Infection and Pneumonia", and decided to start a public health emergency level II emergency response. It is the emergency response to major public health emergencies under the unified leadership and command of the provincial people's government. After the emergency response at the major level is initiated, measures that can be taken include: emergency mobilization and collection of relevant personnel, materials, vehicles and related facilities and equipment, on-site isolation, identification and closure of epidemic areas, and guaranteeing the material funds required for emergency response. Organize the isolation of patients and their close contacts, patient treatment and evacuation, and do a good job of publicity and guidance of public opinion in a timely manner. If necessary, the State Council can ask for support to ensure the smooth handling of public health emergencies. Thank you.

**Yanyan Chun:**

Today's press conference is highly concerned. Before the end, I would like to say a few more words. I want to emphasize that the Party Central Committee and the State Council attach great importance to the prevention and control of pneumonia caused by new coronavirus infections, and always put the people's lives and health in the first place. We believe that under the strong leadership of the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at the core, with the joint efforts of all localities and departments and the concerted efforts of all medical staff, the people of all nations, including the people of Wuhan, will be able to achieve the goal. Victory in epidemic prevention and control.

I also want to emphasize that we will adhere to the principle of openness and transparency, timely release the latest epidemic situation and progress in prevention and control, and respond to public concerns as soon as possible. I have noticed that there are still many issues that everyone is concerned about. You are welcome to send us your interview needs and questions that you need to know to us or the Health Office's Information Office. We are willing to provide you with information services in a timely manner.

Today's press conference is the last press conference before the Spring Festival of the State Council Information Office. I also want to take this opportunity to say hard to the vast number of medical staff who are fighting in the front line, and to say to the people of the country, including the people of Wuhan, that we are always together. I wish you all a happy Chinese New Year and happiness.

Thanks again to several publishers and thank you all. That concludes today's press conference.