

## 5. Fujian Province, China

### *Fujian's Experience in Fighting against COVID-19*

#### Challenges

In Fujian Province, the COVID-19 pandemic has gone through three stages. Stage 1 lasted from 22 to 26 January 2020, when there were only imported cases from other provinces. Stage 2 was from 27 January to 26 February, during which time cases transmitted from other provinces and locally transmitted cases coexisted. On 7 March 2020, no new cases were reported. During stage 3, which started on 19 March 2020 and is ongoing<sup>7</sup>, there have been only imported cases from overseas and no new locally transmitted cases.

#### Towards a Solution

Prevention should come first. In Fujian, it is recommended by public health authorities that people should take the following four steps to protect themselves:

- Get vaccinated. Currently, the Government has made COVID-19 vaccines free and available for all residents nationwide, administering shots with a systematic, tiered approach by prioritizing the key and the most vulnerable groups. In addition to designating vaccination sites and public health institutions at level 2 or above as vaccination units, temporary and mobile vaccination centers have been set up in densely populated areas, while large-scale vaccine sites have been set up in large exhibition halls, sports stadiums and convention centers, etc.
- Wear masks properly in crowded indoor public spaces and when in close contact with others within one-meter physical distance.
- Avoid large-scale and non-essential group gatherings.
- Develop healthier habits, practice social distance, wash hands frequently, wear masks and practice cough etiquette.

目前防控重点:外防输入  
入境人员全程闭环管理  
Current priority is to prevent inbound cases and ensure a seamless and hermetic process for managing the quarantine and monitoring of travelers.



Source: Fujian Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Since Fujian is the third largest port of entry for international travelers entering China, there are reports of imported cases every week. Until September 2021, 797 infected cases from international arrivals were reported, putting great pressure on the prevention of inbound cases. That is why steps are being taken to ensure a seamless, hermetic process for managing the quarantine and monitoring travelers, which includes the following five steps:

- (a) Strengthen and diligently implement pre-departure prevention and control protocols. China-bound travelers must provide certificates of negative nucleic acid and an IgM anti-body test within 48 hours before boarding the plane.
- (b) Set up test sites at the port of entry.
- (c) Provide "bubbled" transportation for international travelers from port of entry to designated quarantine hotels and facilities following respective protocols.
- (d) Implement centralized quarantine. All inbound international travelers will need to follow a 14-day quarantine mandate

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and receive tests at the first point of entry.

- (e) Conduct health monitoring in communities. After leaving the designated quarantine hotels/facilities, travelers are still required to continue monitoring of their health conditions for another seven consecutive days and take tests.

At the same time, a systematic risk assessment and management mechanism has been established including procedures and protocols on early detection, quick response, targeted prevention and control, and effective treatment.

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