

CNN News Highlights – Zero Covid

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At the meeting, China's government announced dozens of new efforts to _____ the economy, including more tax _____, loans to small businesses and emergency loans to industries that are _____. But though some of China's Covid rules are being relaxed, the nation's still pushing forward with the _____ "Zero Covid Policy," and that's created _____ challenges during the omicron variant of the disease, because while it's less _____ than other versions of coronavirus, it's more _____. CNN estimates that China's restrictions are impacting 220 million people across the country.

Here's how this is part of my _____ in Beijing. All right, getting my temperature checked. Mandatory testing for the city's 20 million plus residents. I've got to show them my passport, and they have to type it in every single time. In Beijing, nearly all public activity has been _____ over just a few dozen daily Covid cases.

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This is a building where a positive Covid case has been found. You can see the workers in _____. The blue _____ around the building: this is to keep the people who live there locked inside. But it also serves as a warning to other residents: there's a fear that if you spend too much time by a lockdown building, your QR code could turn red. This is just one of the many _____ areas in Beijing. Residents _____ even _____ through the red dots on the map.

It's lunchtime in Beijing's most popular _____. Normally, people here would be gathered – _____, but now it is essentially a ghost town.

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But after more than two years of these _____ restrictions, people are getting _____. A student _____ even _____ at one of China's most prestigious universities over harsh Covid policies. Every part of our days are tracked and surveilled. People are concerned that this control is here to stay long after Covid is gone.

Elena Wang, CNN, Beijing

Translation

我們對世界大事的客觀報導始於中國。那裡的政府媒體稱，本周有超過 10 萬人參加了緊急線上會議。重點——如何幫助中國的經濟，這個世界第二大經濟體，因為它在這個共產主義國家對持續的新冠病毒大流行的反應中苦苦掙扎。當許多其他國家正在學習與這種疾病共存時，中國一直保持著嚴格的清零政策。而這試圖做的是粉碎 Covid 每一條傳輸鏈。這包括強制隔離、快速封鎖、封閉邊界、大規模檢測和接觸者追蹤，無論人們走到哪裡，這些作法都會跟隨他們。但這樣做的一個日益嚴重的副作用是，它正在損害中國的經濟增長。國際投資銀行預計，今年的經濟數字將大大低於去年。

會上，中國政府宣布了數十項刺激經濟的新措施，包括增加退稅、向小企業提供貸款以及向陷入困境的行業提供緊急貸款。但是，儘管中國的一些新冠病毒規則正在放寬，但該國仍在推進有爭議的“清零新冠政策”，這給面對 omicron 變種疾病帶來了巨大的挑戰，因為雖然它不像其他版本的冠狀病毒那樣嚴重，但它更具傳染性。CNN 估計，中國的限制措施正在影響全國 2.2 億人。

這是我在北京日常生活的一部分。好的，測體溫。對全市 2000 萬以上的居民進行強制檢測。我必須向他們出示我的護照，他們必須每次都輸入。在北京，幾乎所有的公共活動都被無限期中止了，只因為每天只有幾十起新冠病毒病例。

在北京的豪華購物區中心看不到半個人。所有非生活必需品商店都已關閉，包括學校和健身房，所有餐廳內的就餐都被無限期中止。北京唯一的人群是滿街噴灑消毒劑的新冠肺炎工人遊行隊伍。

這裡的官員正在及早、積極地進行打擊疫情，試圖避免上海長達數月封鎖的失敗。

所以它是綠色的——我可以進去。我需要這個綠色代碼才能進入北京的任何區域。如果它變成紅色，那麼我可能會被困在家裡或被送去隔離。

通過這些智能手機應用程序，當局可以仔細追蹤幾乎所有中國 14 億人的行踪。如果稍後在這家雜貨店發現了 Covid 病例，當局可以迅速聯繫追蹤並找出誰的代碼需要變紅。

這裡的雜貨店貨架上滿是貨。北京官員明確地試圖向人們表明，無論這種部分封鎖持續多久，人們都會得到食物。這不會像上海那樣，人們在封鎖期間一直在掙扎的找到足夠的食物和日常必需品。

這是一棟發現 Covid 陽性病例的建築物。你可以看到穿著防護衣的工人。建築物周圍的藍色屏障：這是為了將住在那裡的人關在裡面。但這也可以作為對其他居民的警告：人們擔心，如果您在封閉的建築物中花費太多時間，你的 QR 碼可能會變紅。這只是北京眾多高風險地區之一。居民甚至避免穿過地圖上的紅點所在。這是北京最受歡迎的美食區的午餐時間。平時這裡都是人聚集的地方，人山人海，但現在基本上是個鬼城。

即使大多數公園都關閉了，除了路邊，人們也無處可聚和見朋友。對於這些非官方的公共空間，甚至這裡，都有提醒人們避開人群的標誌，還有保安在喇叭上提醒人們保持距離。

但在這些斷斷續續的限制兩年多之後，人們開始感到沮喪。甚至在中國最負盛名的大學之一爆發了學生抗議，抗議嚴厲的 Covid 政策。我們每天的每一部分都被跟踪和監視。人們擔心，即使在 Covid 消失後，這種控制還會持續著。Elena Wang, CNN, 北京



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Answers

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But after more than two years of these **5) on-and-off** restrictions, people are getting **3) frustrated**. A student **7) protest** even **1) broke out** at one of China's most prestigious universities over harsh Covid policies. Every part of our days are tracked and surveilled. People are concerned that this control is here to stay long after Covid is gone.

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