

Update 31: China - Confirms First Case of New COVID-19 Variant

- China has confirmed its first case of a new COVID-19 variant that was recently detected in Britain
- The new strain, which experts say potentially spreads faster than the original variant, has prompted travel restrictions on the United Kingdom (UK) by more than 50 countries including China
- The first patient in China with the new variant is a 23-year-old woman from Shanghai who arrived from Britain on December 14, 2020
- She was hospitalized on arrival as she showed mild symptoms
- The patient was found to have a strain different from those found in Shanghai or Wuhan earlier, and further testing confirmed it was the variant known as B.1.1.7 that has been spreading in the UK since October 2020
- China suspended direct flights to and from Britain indefinitely on December 24, 2020, because of the new strain
- As of now, China has reported 87,071 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 4,634 deaths (5.3% of total reported cases) and 82,067 recoveries (94.3% of total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (<http://www.chinacdc.cn/en/>) for latest information on COVID-19 in China

Source(s)

<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/china-confirms-first-case-of-uk-coronavirus-variant-2346008>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/china/>

Targets Affected:

China

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions', 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Update 30: Beijing, China - Tightens COVID-19 Restrictions Amid Fear Over Locally Transmitted Infection

Dec. 25, 2020

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Update 29: China - Plans to Suspend Flights Services with United Kingdom Amid Fear Over Infectious COVID-19 Strain

Nov. 22, 2020

High

Update 28: Tianjin, China - Government Imposes Lockdown and Orders for Mass Testing Amid New COVID-19 Cases

Oct. 19, 2020

Low

Update 27: China - Reports Economic Recovery in Q3 2020 as GDP Increases by 4.9% Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 26: China - Reports New Cases of Tick-Borne Virus and Bubonic Plague Amid Ongoing COVID-19 Challenges

July 27, 2020

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Update 25: China - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 61 New COVID-19 Infections Since March 6, 2020

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Update 24: China - Faces Multiple Epidemic Threat Amid New Cases of Dengue Fever, Bubonic Plague, and COVID-19

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Update 23: Mongolia, China - Twin Epidemic Threat Amid Growing Cases of Bubonic Plague and COVID-19

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Update 22: Baoding, China - Imposes Martial Law as New COVID-19 Cluster Emerge in Beijing

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Update 21: China - Reports Highest Number of COVID-19 Cases Since April 2020; Lockdowns Imposed in Parts of Beijing

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Update 20: Jilin, China - Seals Off Cities Near North Korea Border as New COVID-19 Cases Spark Fear

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Update 13: Jia, China - Reimposes
Restrictions Amid Fear of Second
Wave of COVID-19 Cases

March 26, 2020

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Update 12: China - Increase in
Imported COVID-19 Cases; Hubei to
Lift Travel Restrictions by April 8, 2020

March 19, 2020

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Update 11: China - Risk of Imported
Coronavirus Cases Prevails Amid No
New Confirmed Cases of Local
Transmission

Feb. 29, 2020

Immediate

Update 10: China - Global Markets
Slide Amid Fears of Coronavirus
Pandemic

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Update 9: China - Rise in Coronavirus
Infection Cases

Feb. 13, 2020

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Infection Cases

Feb. 5, 2020

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Update 7: China - Rise in Coronavirus
Infection Cases

Jan. 30, 2020

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Update 6: China - Major Tech
Companies Impose Business
Restriction Amid Coronavirus Outbreak

Jan. 27, 2020

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Update 5: China - Coronavirus Infection
Continues to Rise

Jan. 24, 2020

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Update 4: China - Shuts Down
Transport in Eight Cities over
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Update 3: China - Coronavirus
Outbreak

Jan. 20, 2020

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Update 2: China - Rise in Pneumonia
Cases - Wuhan, Beijing, and Shenzhen

Jan. 9, 2020

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Update 1: China - Travel Advisory
Amid Rise in Pneumonia Cases -
Wuhan

Jan. 2, 2020

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China - Viral Pneumonia Cases -
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Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
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