

Photos: Life in the Time of Coronavirus

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The ongoing outbreak of COVID-19 (formerly called the 2019 novel coronavirus) in China and some neighboring countries has led to unprecedented efforts to isolate, control, and halt the spread of the virus that has now infected more than 73,400 people, and caused at least 1,875 deaths since December of 2019. Across much of China, travel is restricted and residents remain in their homes, and the economy is taking a big hit at local, national, and global levels. Gathered here are images from Wuhan, Beijing, Shanghai, and other locations in China over the past two weeks, as residents continue to cope with COVID-19.



1. A couple wearing masks kiss in a shopping area in downtown Shanghai, China, on February 16, 2020. #

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2. Medical staff work in the negative-pressure isolation ward in Jinyintan Hospital, designated for critical COVID-19 patients, in Wuhan, in central China's Hubei province, on February 13, 2020. #

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3. A teacher takes part in a recording of her lessons inside a classroom in a middle school, as students' return to school has been delayed because of the novel coronavirus outbreak, in Shaoyang, Hunan province, China, on February 16, 2020. #

China Daily / Reuters



4. A police officer walks along an empty road in front of the Oriental Pearl Tower in Lujiazui financial district in Pudong, Shanghai, China, on February 5, 2020. #

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5. Volunteers in protective suits disinfect a factory with sanitizing equipment in Huzhou, Zhejiang province, on February 18, 2020. #

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6. Several negative-pressure protection and monitoring ambulances are loaded onto a train bound for Wuhan in Nanchang, in China's central Jiangxi province, on February 12, 2020. #

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7. Dogs wearing masks are seen in a shopping area in downtown Shanghai on February 16, 2020. #

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8. A resident wears a protective mask as she walks in an empty street in Wuhan on February 13, 2020. #

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9. Residents wear protective masks as they line up in a supermarket on February 12, 2020, in Wuhan. #

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10. A cashier in protective gear works at the checkout of a supermarket in Wuhan on February 10, 2020. #

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11. Liu Xiaojin adjusts a phone used to live-stream trainer Wang Kai's gym class, as the country endures an outbreak of the new coronavirus, in Beijing, on February 14, 2020. #

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12. Zhang Weiya, a fitness trainer, uses bottles of dishwashing detergent as weights as she live-streams a class from her house in Beijing on February 15, 2020. #

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13. A woman wears a protective mask as she waits for a bus at a normally busy stop in Beijing on February 13, 2020. #

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14. People walk through the almost empty Jianguomen subway station in Beijing on February 3, 2020. #

Carlos Garcia Rawlins / Reuters

15. A guard measures the body temperature of a worker at the entrance to a factory in Shijiazhuang, Hebei province, on February 13, 2020. #

China Daily / Reuters

16. Two workers wearing face masks stand in a promotional kiosk for the Disney movie "Mulan" in an almost empty shopping mall in Beijing on February 16, 2020. Disney was hoping its new film, based on the tale of a legendary Chinese warrior, would be a huge hit with Chinese audiences. Now the U.S. entertainment giant, which will also face losses from closing its Disneyland parks in China and Hong Kong in response to the

coronavirus outbreak, can't even be sure when the film will open. #

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17. Passengers wearing masks and covered with plastic bags walk outside the Shanghai railway station on February 9, 2020. #

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18. A worker in a protective suit measures the body temperature of a woman during a door-to-door search to inspect residents in Wuhan on February 17, 2020. #

China Daily / Reuters

19. A boy wears a cardboard box on his head at the Shanghai railway station on February 13, 2020. #

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20. A couple wears masks as they enjoy a carnival ride on Valentine's Day in Hong Kong, on February 14, 2020. #

21. A policeman in protective gear waits to evacuate residents from a public-housing building outside Hong Mei House, at Cheung Hong Estate in Hong Kong, China, on February 11, 2020. #

Tyrone Siu / Reuters

22. A community worker sorts donated vegetables for members of households inside a residential compound,

following the outbreak of the novel coronavirus in



23. A cleaner wearing a face mask walks in Zhongguancun Software Park in Beijing on February 10, 2020. #

Tingshu Wang / Reuters

24. Jia, 29, and his wife, Su, 28, pose with face masks and marriage certificates at a marriage registry office on

Valentine's Day in Shanghai, China, on February 14,
2020. #

Aly Song / Reuters

25. A member of the medical staff wears protective gear while leading patients who have displayed mild symptoms of the COVID-19 coronavirus in group exercises at an exhibition center converted into a hospital in Wuhan on February 17, 2020. #

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26. A worker installs plastic film to separate the front seats from the back, inside a vehicle for a car-hailing service in Taiyuan, Shanxi province, on February 14, 2020. #

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27. Medical workers in protective suits attend to novel coronavirus patients in the intensive-care unit of a designated hospital in Wuhan on February 6, 2020. #

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28. On Valentine's Day, in an isolation ward in Yangzhou Third People's Hospital, two doctors make a heart gesture through glass in Yangzhou, Jiangsu province, on February 14, 2020. #

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29. Marks left after wearing a mask are seen on the face of Nurse Cao Shan, who was working in the isolation ward in Jinyintan Hospital, designated for COVID-19 patients, in Wuhan, on February 17, 2020. #

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30. Medical staff gesture as they leave for Wuhan in Nanchang, Jiangxi province, on February 13, 2020. #

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