

China eases quarantine rules, flight bans; insists not giving up on zero-Covid-19

BEIJING – China on Friday further relaxed its strict Covid-19 measures, reducing the quarantine period for travelers from seven to five days, and axing a suspension on flights that bring in Covid-19 cases.

Now, travellers will have to isolate only at their point of entry into China, and not at their final destination. This may put an end to the additional home quarantines ordered by several cities for those who had recently returned from overseas, which had been unevenly enforced.

Contact tracers will also stop tracking secondary close contacts – people who had a close encounter with a close contact of a Covid-19 case – and they will no longer be quarantined.

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