

China detects 2nd case of omicron variant

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A man looks up while wearing a mask on the street of Beijing, China, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021. Chinese state media said Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, the first case of the omicron variant of COVID-19 has been detected in the country's mainland in Tianjin city just east of Beijing. Credit: AP Photo/Ng Han Guan

China has detected its second case of the omicron variant in a 67-year-old man who tested positive after more than two weeks of quarantine,

official media reported Tuesday.

State broadcaster CCTV said the man returned from overseas on Nov. 27 and underwent two weeks of isolation, during which he repeatedly tested negative for the virus.

On Saturday, he flew to the southern [city](#) of Guangzhou where he maintains a residence and began another week of self-quarantining at home.

A day later he underwent a routine test and early on Monday, the district health department informed authorities he had tested positive for the virus, the station reported.

Further investigation at the city and provincial level determined he was infected with omicron, it said.

On Monday, authorities announced the first case of [omicron](#) in a person who arrived on a flight from Europe earlier this month and tested positive on Thursday while in quarantine. Poland's Health Ministry said Tuesday the traveler was a Polish teenager who flew from Warsaw to China.



Visitors to a shopping mall cast shadows as they walk through a health check point in Beijing, China, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021. Chinese state media said Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, that the first case of the omicron variant of COVID-19 has been detected in the country's mainland in Tianjin city just east of Beijing. Credit: AP Photo/Ng Han Guan



A man wearing a mask walks near decorations at a shopping mall in Beijing, China, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021. Chinese state media said Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, that the first case of the omicron variant of COVID-19 has been detected in the country's mainland in Tianjin city just east of Beijing. Credit: AP Photo/Ng Han Guan

Ministry spokesman Wojciech Andrusiewicz said the teenager, who traveled with her mother, was hospitalized in isolation. She shows no symptoms of illness. The teenager is in isolation in the northern port city of Tianjin, according to Chinese health authorities.

China has largely contained the spread of COVID-19 since it was first detected in the central city of Wuhan in late 2019. Authorities credit a "zero tolerance" policy of strict testing, case tracing, quarantining and

[isolation](#) for their success, with just 4,636 deaths from the virus officially recorded.

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