

Chinese officials promise groceries for lockdown residents

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In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, subdistrict office staff carry daily necessities to be delivered to households under closed-off management in Xi'an, in northwestern China's Shaanxi Province, Dec. 29, 2021. Chinese officials promised steady deliveries of groceries to residents of Xi'an, an ancient capital with 13 million people that is currently under the strictest lockdown of a major Chinese city since Wuhan was shut early last year at the start of the pandemic. Credit: Liu Xiao/Xinhua via AP

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China's Commerce Ministry has contacted nearby provinces to help ensure adequate supplies of everyday necessities, a ministry spokesperson said Thursday.

State broadcaster CCTV aired a story Thursday showing building staff assembling free [grocery](#) deliveries for the residents of an apartment complex in Xi'an.

The deliveries included a box of 15 eggs, a 2.5-kilogram (5.5-pound) bag of rice and some green vegetables. Residents could also expect either some chicken or pork, it said.

Still, some people complained in comments below the segment shared on Weibo, a social media platform, that they have not received the same deliveries in their communities. Many worried if they will be able to obtain [fresh vegetables](#) and meat.

This week, authorities tightened restrictions in Xi'an so that people can no longer leave their homes to buy groceries. Previously, residents were allowed to buy food once every two days. The city is also sealed off, meaning that people cannot leave without special permission.

Xi'an reported 155 new locally transmitted cases on Wednesday, and a total of about 1,000 cases in the latest outbreak.



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, a community worker holds up daily necessities delivered to a household under closed-off management in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, Dec. 29, 2021. Chinese officials promised steady deliveries of groceries to residents of Xi'an, an ancient capital with 13 million people, that is currently under the strictest lockdown of a major Chinese city since Wuhan was shut early last year at the start of the pandemic. Credit: Tao Ming/Xinhua via AP



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, a workers prepare bags of groceries to be delivered to households under closed-off management in Xi'an, in northwestern China's Shaanxi Province, Dec. 29, 2021. Chinese officials promised steady deliveries of groceries to residents of Xi'an, an ancient capital with 13 million people, that is currently under the strictest lockdown of a major Chinese city since Wuhan was shut early last year at the start of the pandemic. Credit: Liu Xiao/Xinhua via AP



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, a worker prepares bags of vegetables to be delivered to households under closed-off management in Xi'an, in northwestern China's Shaanxi Province, Dec. 29, 2021. Chinese officials promised steady deliveries of groceries to residents of Xi'an, an ancient capital with 13 million people, that is currently under the strictest lockdown of a major Chinese city since Wuhan was shut early last year at the start of the pandemic. Credit: Liu Xiao/Xinhua via AP



Women wearing masks to help curb the spread of the coronavirus walk against cold strong winds in Beijing, China, Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021. Credit: AP Photo/Ng Han Guan

The numbers pale in comparison to outbreaks elsewhere in the world, but are significant for China, which continues to follow a policy of trying to eradicate the coronavirus. That has resulted in widespread lockdowns to cut the virus's spread.

China has reported a total of 101,890 cases and 4,636 deaths since the pandemic began.

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