

What to do during a 48-hour lockdown in the office? ...



Fiona Li rests on a sofa at Shanghai Daily office. — Photos by Chen Weijie and Ti Gong

Alcohol wipes



Toothbrush and mouth wash



Earplugs



Li Fei

What to do if you are locked down for 48 hours in an office building? Sounds scary. But Allen, a finance officer working at a garment company who was trapped in the company's headquarters building in Shanghai recently, felt calm and peaceful.

"There was no panic; our first

reaction was to get daily necessities in the office," she recalled.

The building, located on Xizang Road M. in downtown Huangpu District, was under closed-loop management for medical screening after Shanghai reported three locally transmitted COVID-19 cases on November 25.

"We were told there was a positive case in our building and we needed to take nucleic acid testing in the morning. Then there was a mandatory lockdown in the office for 48 hours," she said. "Someone ordered items online, and others called family members to deliver to them."

The government and companies bought bedding sets for the employees and delivered them before

bedtime. Meal allowances were given to order food.

There are over 10 companies in the 26-floor building. Each prepared different bedding sets for staff.

"We helped each other and made a lot of new friends during the lockdown," Allen shared some pictures — there were sleeping bags, folding beds, yoga mats, airbeds and even mattresses.

"The happiest employees of all are from Simmons, a mattress company in the building. They all have Simmons mattress to sleep on!" she said. "It is an unforgettable experience. We had nucleic acid tests in the lobby in the morning, ordered take-out and dined together in the evening, and worked normally during the day."



People take nucleic acid tests.