



Above: Two Frenchmen enjoy lunch at an Italian restaurant in Shanghai. — Jiang Xiaowei

Left: Friends gather at a Haidilao hotpot restaurant to celebrate a birthday on Wednesday. — Zhu Shenshen

On Yongkang Road in Xuhui District, which is often crowded with expats, coffee lovers and pet owners, most cafes and restaurants opened for sit-in on Wednesday though some stayed shut.

Fine-dining Japanese food

Zac, from the United States, said he was happy that sit-in dining has been restored and was planning dinner at a fine-dining Japanese restaurant with his friends later in the night.

"It was not easy as many people called for reservations today," Zac said. "Earlier, you could stand on the streets, not anymore."

The staff at the Japanese restaurant Kurogi on North Suzhou Road in Huangpu has been busy this week.

On Wednesday, plates were in place for the dining tables, knives rearranged on shelves, and flowers and other decorations refreshed as the restaurant reopened for the first time in nearly three months.

"We have three private rooms in total, and they are all fully booked," said Fu Yonglu, the CEO of Kurogi. "All six seats at the dining counter are also almost completely booked."

According to Shanghai's policies, dine-in services are allowed in low-risk areas and areas without any community-level spread of COVID-19 during the previous week.

Diners must have a 72-hour negative PCR report, scan the venue code, wear a mask and receive temperature checks to enter the restaurants.



Xu Peinan, owner of the Chaoshan restaurant "Caogen Yedang," and his staff prepare food in the back kitchen. — Zhou Shengjie

City's cultural, tourism and sports venues to reopen in July

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LOCAL tourist attractions, museums and galleries, cinemas and theaters, public libraries and cultural venues will gradually reopen from July, the city's culture and tourism administration said on Wednesday.

The Shanghai Sports Bureau also announced on the same day that local outdoor sports venues and indoor facilities that meet certain COVID-19 pandemic prevention and control standards can reopen from today.

According to Fang Shizhong, director of the Shanghai Administration of Culture and Tourism, local culture and tourism industries will strictly resume their services in an orderly manner and deal with uncertainties from the external environment.

After Shanghai Disney Resort reopened on Thursday, local museums, galleries and all A-level tourist destinations will gradually resume operation from today. Cinemas and theaters will join them from July 8.

Public libraries and cultural venues, such as community cultural centers, as well as tourist information service centers, will gradually resume services in accordance with local pandemic prevention and control requirements.

The administration has issued a guideline on pandemic prevention and control for the eight types of cultural and tourism venues which are likely to reopen.

These venues have been told to undertake comprehensive disinfection and enhance their daily cleaning and sterilization as well as ensure their staff's self-health management.

Measures like encouraging visitors to come in staggered times, allowing them to make appointment and controlling the visitor numbers should be implemented.

Venues that want to reopen should register, get their own "venue code" and set up digital sentry before opening. If the areas where the venues are located are listed as medium- or high-risk, they must suspend operation at once.

Residents who want to visit these venues should have a green health code and negative nucleic acid test result within 72 hours. Those without smart phones can apply for an offline health code in advance and carry their identity card.

People who have been to domestic medium- or high-risk areas within seven days or travelled abroad within ten days are not allowed to enter these venues.

If someone has a fever or feels uncomfortable after entry, or receives a call from disease control authorities about abnormal nucleic acid test result, he or she should report to staff immediately.

So far 67 of the city's 134 A-level tourist attractions have reopened.

Sports venues

Meanwhile, the sports bureau's notification allows outdoor sports venues to reopen in an orderly manner under pandemic prevention and control requirements.

Indoor sports venues with good ventilation in subdistricts or towns with no medium-risk area and no COVID-19 case for a week can also reopen after registration.

However, underground venues or those within confined

space will remain close.

Similar to cultural and tourism sites, sports venues are also required to get a "venue code" and set up digital sentry at the entrance with visitors having to show a negative nucleic acid test result within 72 hours.

Elderly people or other groups who are unable to use smart phones can prepare the offline health code or nucleic acid test documents.

Management should also strengthen employees' health management and pandemic prevention and control training while disinfecting the venue and controlling the number of visitors.

If the area where the sports venue is located becomes a medium- or high-risk site, then the venue should take measures like further controlling visitor number, shortening business hours and suspending operation.

Cinemas

The city will reopen cinemas on July 8, the Shanghai Film Bureau said on Wednesday.

Viewers who acquire tickets from online venues will have to provide negative result for nucleic acid test taken within 72 hours prior to entering any cinema. Also, the 24-hour polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test certificate, if the result has yet to come out, cannot be used to enter movie theaters.

Viewers have to scan the venue code and have their temperatures taken upon entering. Cinemas won't accept viewers who do not wear facial masks and whose temperature is 37.3 degrees Celsius and above.

Cinemas will not provide food and drinks for the time being.