

# Wuhan Pneumonia of Unknown Cause Cases Isolated, Test Results to be Announced ASAP

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On the evening of the 30th, a government official document entitled "Urgent Circular on Good Handling of the Treatment of Pneumonia of Unknown Cause", issued by the Medical Administration Division of Wuhan Municipal Health Commission, was widely circulated on the Internet.

Yicai reporter called the official hotline 12320 of Wuhan Municipal Health Commission in the morning of the 31st and learned that the contents of the document were true.

Staff of the hotline 12320 said that the type of pneumonia of unknown cause occurred in Wuhan this time was being investigated.

According to the above-mentioned circular, patients with pneumonia of unknown cause appeared in Wuhan Huanan Seafood Market as informed by a higher authority in its urgent circular, and all medical institutions should strengthen the management of outpatient and emergency clinics, strictly implement the system of accountability of first responder in medical services provided, and actively mobilize resources to treat patients with pneumonia of unknown cause on the spot, and it's prohibited to deny treatment or responsibility.

The document emphasizes that all medical institutions should purposefully strengthen multidisciplinary professional forces such as respiratory department, infectious department, and intensive care medicine, assure the openness of green channels, effective docking of outpatient and emergency departments, and improve the contingency plan for medical treatment.

The other document entitled "Urgent Circular of the Municipal Health Commission on Reporting the Treatment of Pneumonia of Unknown Cause" is also authentic. According to this document, patients with pneumonia of unknown cause appeared successively at Wuhan Huanan Seafood Market, as informed by a higher authority in its urgent circular.

Pneumonia of unknown cause cases refer to those meeting the following criteria at the same time and which cannot be specifically diagnosed: fever ( $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), imaging features of pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome, reduced or normal total white blood cell count or reduced lymphocyte classification count at the early stage of onset, no significant improvement 3 to 5 days after standardized antibiotic treatment.

We learned that the first case of pneumonia of unknown cause in Wuhan came from Wuhan Huanan Seafood Market.

The staff of hotline 12320 said that Wuhan CDC went to the hospital immediately and collected patient specimens, while the identification of the specific virus will be subject to the final test result. Patients with pneumonia of unknown cause have been treated in isolation, which does not affect other patients' normal medical treatment in the medical institutions. Wuhan has the country's most first-class virus research institutions, and the virus testing results will be released to the public as soon as they are available.