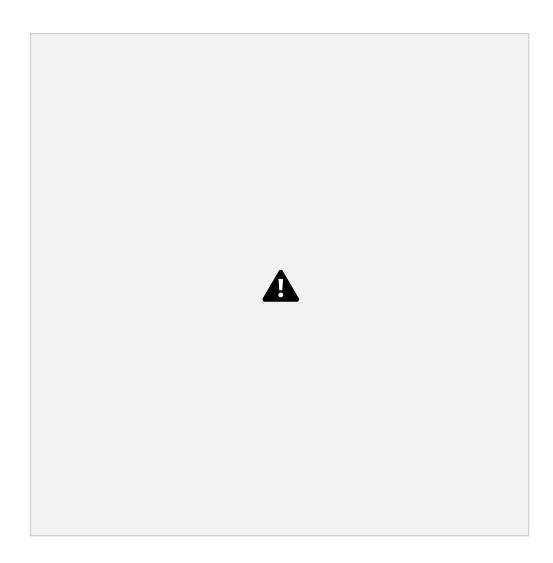
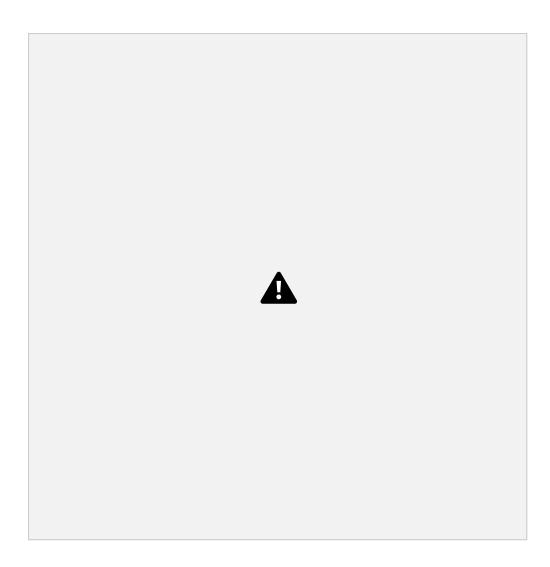
in Shanghai wearing HAZMAT SUITS on way to school amid bonkers zero Covid regime

UNSETTLING footage appears to show young children in Shanghai dressed in hazmat suits amid China's zero Covid policy.

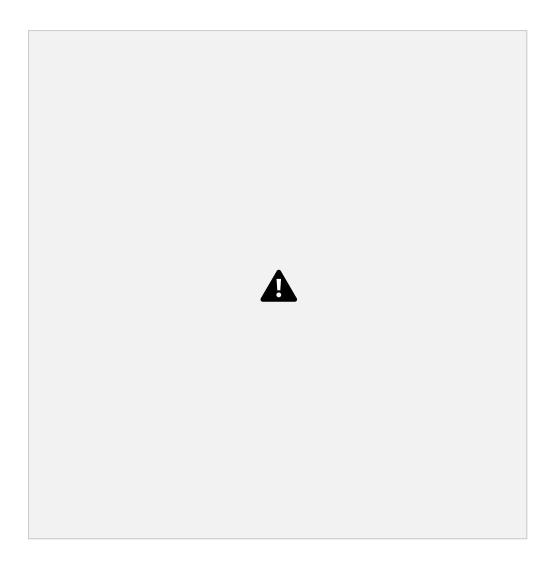
The dystopian clip shows a group of youngsters covered from head to toe heading to school during the world's strictest lockdown.



Little ones are going to school dressed in hazmat suits



They are also wearing face masks



The children in Shanghai are forced to go to school covered as the city is under strict lockdown

The kids, who seem to be of primary school age, are also wearing face masks, leaving only their eyes visible.

The worrying scenes come as earlier this month heartbreaking images showed toddlers screaming their heads off after they were forcibly removed from their parents and kept in cages.

Shanghai's 26 million residents have been plunged into an extremely strict lockdown for more than five weeks with Chinese authorities justifying it as a way to get the city's Covid cases under control.

China's most populated city reported a record number of positive cases on Saturday and other areas across China tightened controls as the country kept up its zero Covid approach.

Shanghai is struggling to contain the outbreak with more than 20,000 Covid cases a day being reported over at least 10 days.

Most of the city's residents are trapped in their homes, with chilling footage showing ordinary citizens screaming spontaneously from desperation, after being forbidden to leave their homes for over a week.

Under China's draconian Covid rules, anyone found positive - even if asymptomatic or with a mild infection - must be isolated from non-infected people.

Earlier this week a sickening clip showed police in Shanghai stuffing dozens of live cats in bags to be slaughtered.