

China starts to get back to work as leaders worry about people's jobs

BEIJING — While [Chinese](#) authorities try to control the spread of the new virus, they are moving quickly to stall its impact on the economy, especially on people's jobs.

This past Tuesday, the powerful State Council decided at a meeting to waive some business' contributions to social insurance plans through June, and emphasized that "stable employment" must be a priority.

These policy moves also come as the country begins a gradual return to work in manufacturing, technology and other major industries. The coronavirus that has killed more than 2,000 people began spreading rapidly in mainland China in January ahead of the Lunar New Year holiday and forced [more than half of the country to shut down](#) for at least a week longer than planned.

