

After a well-known Chinese respiratory disease expert, Dr. Zhong Nanshan raised doubts about the death toll from H1N1 in China and the real situation behind the reported news, echoes from Chinese people regarding the government cover-up have been wide spread on the internet.



The Ministry of Health in China announced last Friday that the latest death toll was 200 people, it was 4 times the figure reported two weeks ago. Many Chinese commented on the web that the H1N1 breakout must be the biggest national secret at present.

Experts said that the epidemic prevailing in China is now a pandemic. Some mainland doctors believe that the influenza outbreak is out of control.

Although mainland officials constantly update figures of infections and deaths, Chinese people both inside and outside of China believe that the communist regime is concealing the actual number of infections and deaths, or simply doing away with any statistics.

The official publication of the ridiculously low figure is no longer meaningful. At November 30 2009, the official confirmed cases of for Influenza A was 92,904.

The number of child patients in eleven hospitals in Shenzhen was as high as 17,844. Some Shenzhen officials stated that the number of infections may have exceeded a million people.

There are areas in China which are required not to screen for H1N1 anymore. Bloggers are reporting that people are required to pay money to be tested if they are worried they may have H1N1. In some areas, patients are required to pay 200 yuan to be tested plus there must be approval from the hospital director.

Official cover up

Due to the approaching World Expo in Shanghai, no test is authorized at any hospital, all symptoms are being treated as ordinary flu.

The Ministry of Health still maintains that the H1N1 prevailing in mainland China has not mutated, but many people believe that the communist regime is repeating the ploy that caused the disastrous SARS to spread in 2003.

China's general public holds that the official figures are ridiculously low and are no longer meaningful.

Recently, staff of the Center for Disease Control in Changchun City of Jilin Province said, "H1N1 data is confidential to us, as we have the responsibility to hold it in secret, for it is restricted by law. The related data can only be accessed by provincial health bureaus qualified for public announcement." As to the death toll and confirmed cases of the severely infected, the staff claimed the information is so "confidential" that "it could not be disclosed even to our own parents."

Doctors of first grade hospitals in Hebei Province revealed to Dajiyuan News on 3rd December that the domestic H1N1 outbreak is out of hand. The authority, fearing panic among ordinary people, deliberately conceal H1N1 from patients and discard screening tests.

One doctor said that the hospital cannot cope with the number of patients. He also said that there were many patients who had already died, who had not been tested for H1N1, so they were certainly not counted as deaths from the epidemic. It is known that, even if the initial diagnosis is H1N1, and the patients died, they were still not counted as deaths from H1N1.

No screening

Recently some residents in Shanghai revealed to overseas journalists that since the World Expo will be hosted in Shanghai, Shanghai hospitals were instructed by higher authorities to remove screening tests for H1N1. A resident said, "In hospitals, they will not do screening tests, so even if you contracted H1N1 you will be treated with conventional therapy. So in the end no one knows if you are a H1N1 patient or not."

Virologist, Dr. Hu Zongyi of the U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH) said that large scale contagious epidemics that affect people or other species in vast regions or multiple areas around the world, and cause deaths on a large-scale are deemed to be "plagues". H1N1 in mainland China is a plague.

A Beijing resident told our reporter that entire classes at primary and high schools in Beijing fell ill and failed to attend school, some classes had only two or three students however, classes simply continued without closure, as no instructions were received from higher authorities to halt classes, while all hospitals are packed with patients who have to wait long hours for treatment.

Recently, insiders in Liaoning Province said that divisional cadres or above held meetings throughout Liaoning, disclosing that four million people alone in the Liaoning region had contracted the epidemic, among them, 80% are H1N1 patients, with a current mortality rate of 1%.