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[SHANGHAI] Shanghai Targets to Return to Normal Life From June 1st

On May 16th, Shanghai Vice Mayor Zong Ming spoke at a press conference, providing a roadmap to end the lockdown in the following three stages.

- **Movement Curb Stage (from now to May 21st):** Movement curbs will be largely in place until May 21, except that precautionary areas will open in an orderly manner with effective control and limited movement. Some businesses including shopping malls, department stores, supermarkets, convenience stores and pharmacies will be able to reopen in phases but with a limited number of customers. Taxis and private cars are allowed back on roads in suburban districts with zero-COVID status such as Jinshan, Fengxian and some towns in the Pudong New Areas.
- **Shift to a "Normalisation" Stage (from May 22nd to May 31st):** The locked-down and controlled areas will be further reduced and eventually eliminated to accelerate the shift to "normalisation" phase from June 1. Public transport (e.g. buses and metro) will gradually resume.
- **Full Open Stage (between June 1st and mid-to-late June),** The authority plans to end the lockdown measures from June 1 as long as risks of a rebound in infections are controlled. Vice-Mayor Zong Ming said on Monday that Shanghai authorities will switch to a 'normal virus control' mode from June 1 to mid-to-late June, by which time daily life and production will return fully to normality. She also added that officials will remain vigilant to prevent any rebound in new cases.

So far, Shanghai's pandemic seems to have been put under effective control. According to data released on May 16th, daily new infections fell fewer than 1,000 for the first time since March 24th. The government also declared that all 16 districts in Shanghai city had achieved the status of "zero-COVID cases outside quarantined areas" on May 17th.