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SHANGHAI, Cn- After receiving a negative testing result of COVID-19, Jerry Kowal was able to take his flight from San Francisco to Shanghai. He felt embarrassed for a lot of people staring at him and thought he looks like an idiot at San Francisco airport. He wore two masks and a protective suit during the flight. After arriving in Shanghai, he started his 14-days quarantine.

Jerry Kowal, an American vlogger, who was known as mentioning cultural difference between China and United States in his video. He travelled between China and United States many times in a year before the pandemic and he hasn’t been to China for a year after the outbreak of COVID-19.

“I think it’s like living in a jail for a year and then the judge says you can leave,” Jerry Kowal said.

According to Chinese State Council, Wuhan, the birth place of virus, began to unblock on Apr 8, 2020. Today, all places in China are low-risk region without any local positive cases.

Kowal was shocked by there are a lot of lines in all the restaurants in China, he said he hasn’t seen people waiting in line for more than one year in New York. Kowal felt relieved because this was his first time sitting inside the restaurant and eating after the pandemic.

According to New York Times, today there are 1,156 new cases in New York and the total cases in New York reached 51,748,731.

“A lot of hotels have closed in United States and our tourist industry has been dramatically impacted,” Kowal said. “But most merchants in China haven’t much change.”

Kowal found that citizens lived as normal than before. Citizens wore their mask and they did not afraid of COVID-19.

“We have already controlled the virus,” Grace Wu, a makeup designer, said. “Wearing masks did not take away our freedom.”

According to Kowal, a lot of Americans do not wear masks and infected people did not quarantine when they get infected because nobody manages them.

Kowal said he wanted to make a vlog about Chinese daily life and shared this video to his friend aboard because this might be their first time to saw this.

“I hope we can see a lot of events in New York next year because this would mean that the COVID-19 in America is defeated,” Kowal said.

However, not everyone like Kowal are able to go to China with a strict limitation policy, Travis Walker is still figuring out how to back to China for his Ph.D. studies in Bejing University.

Travis Walker, a Ph.D. student in majoring in philosophy, left China in 2019 after the pandemic outbreak in Wuhan.

“I know the virus is crazy and I saw there are a lot of place has shut down in China,” Walker said. “I felt lucky when I back to United States but I never expected the COVID-19 will impact the United States.”

According to Walker, he mostly staying at home to took the online class in Bejing. He said this is a hard time to change his time schedule because there was a huge time difference between China and United States.

“I am not afraid of the risk,” Walker said. “The only thing I am worried about is my Grandma because she is old enough and easy to get infected.”

Walker said his Mom and his roommate has vaccinated but he was still considering about whether he should take the vaccine. He said he is worrying about he will not able to come to China if he got vaccinated.

Walker plan to go to China on August for his academic career. He tried to apply his China Z Visa in order to continue working in China.

According to the restrictions from China, unless you have a valid residence permit and a negative result for COVID-19, you are not able to be given the green light to enter China.

“I hope I can live as normal as soon as possible,” Walker said. “People would wear their mask occasionally in Washington States and it really depends.”

Walker would rather stay at home than go out for shopping if necessary, he said he don’t want to take the risk for being infected.

“Most of my friend take seriously about this problem,” Walker said. “But there are still some of my relatives do not believe the virus exists.”

Walker said his uncle did not believe the COVID-19, he did not wear the mask and always persuaded his family the virus is not a problem.

“My next step is going to Washington, D.C. and apply my visa,” Walker said. “I hope I can meet my Chinese friends soon.”

Bond Xu (freshman-zoology) said he watch the news about other countries and he felt desperate for online courses.

“I think people should take care themselves when they go out,” Xu said. “I haven’t been to the United States before even I got the offer from NYU for a year and I don’t know when the pandemic in United States can be controlled.”