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[00:00:00] What's up everyone? I'm Teacher Mike. It's about 10:30 a.m. I'm on my way to do covid testing in Seattle here. We're flying out tomorrow night, so we have 48 hours to do covid testing and antibody testing. I am really nervous, not because I think I have covid, but there's a lot riding on this. I'll just feel much more at ease when I'm on the plane and the planes taking off. I'm just going to park here. I'm just driving myself crazy. Every little itch I have in my throat or every time I have like a little extra stuff in my nose, I'm just like, oh my gosh, is it covid? Is it covid? I actually took a covid test two weeks ago, and an antibody test, just so there were no surprises. I think I have to tell them that I'm here and they come out and do the testing in the car. This one's not free. This one's going to cost about \$150 each. The reason for that is it's because it's rapid testing. I can get free tests all over, but it takes a couple of days. There's no guarantee you can get it in 48 hours. So this one you just have to pay. This is basically covid testing for travel for people who don't have covid symptoms. Then the antibody testing is \$90 and that we'll take right after this at a different place. I want to get on that plane and take off. Other things that changed are all these new rules about where you can test, when you can test, what kind of tests you need. You have to take photos of yourself getting the test and it's just getting much, much more strict. And those new rules take effect the night of December 23rd. Literally five minutes before we take off. So they won't affect us, but for anyone leaving after us, it just got a lot harder to get back to China. I know little Mike, we're really lucky. We're really blessed. For some reason, if something goes wrong, like, there's just a lot riding on it. And I don't know if we can get new flights if this one gets canceled. Flights now are \$5200 for Delta. That's crazy. Anyway, let's do this.

[00:02:22] Date of birth?

[00:02:22] December _____.

[00:02:22] Have you done this test before?

[00:02:22] Ya, I have.

[00:02:22] We're gonna do the same thing, you're going to take this swab, put it to the bridge of your nose, circle each side 10 times. Does it matter which one or?

[00:02:34] Both.

[00:02:34] Both, ok.

[00:02:40] Ya, right there. Go ahead and circle it.

[00:02:41] 2000 years later.

[00:02:51] Go ahead and break it in half right there in the middle. Then you're gonna drop it down in the tube right here.

[00:03:01] Thank you.

[00:03:01] Ok, so we're all tested. That one... Ya I know... That one seemed a little more... I know bud, you got your candy because you're such a good boy. That one seemed a little more painful than the previous one. It just, like, made me want to sneeze, like, for ten seconds straight in each nostril. Now we're going to go to the...gosh your hair is a mess...do the anti-body test. We'll get that today too, submit all of our documents tonight. And crossing our fingers, praying that we get that green code. Yeah, I just I won't feel peace until we get our test back and submit it and get that green QR code from the consulate. I don't think I'm going to sleep much tonight until we get on that airplane and it takes off. Just so much preparation gone into this and trying to be really careful and... I don't know, it'll just be really disappointing to have to get the flight canceled and then not know when we're going back. You know, my wife really misses her family. My parents in law, they really, really Little Mike. I just want to get it over with. Let's do this. Let's get it on. Let's go. All right, next test.

[00:04:14] I just took my blood test for antibodies. I couldn't bring my camera in there. I should have the results in 15 minutes they said, so pretty fast, whereas the covid test, I've got to wait until later today to get those results. So right now, I got to take a finger-prick blood test. But the new rules are going to require that blood be drawn from the veins. So in two days, that's when the new rules take effect, which is the same day that

we take off. So I don't really mind either way. This is a little bit easier. I'm just going to wait outside Little Mike for a little bit, wait for the results, and I'll let you know what they are.

[00:04:51] Ok, so I got the results here. Let's check them out together. So nervous. Oh, my gosh.

[00:05:04] Hey everyone! Sorry to interrupt this regularly scheduled program, but I need to say a big thank you to a sponsor that stood by me over the years and really supported and helped my channel a lot: Cambly. Trying to get back to China is really difficult. There's been a ton of costs with flights, hotels, rental cars, and time, and tests. It's gotten to be really expensive. With this video Cambly is helping me with a lot of these expenses. And I just really want to say thank you to them. It's a great platform for learning English. If you are a new user, download the app, use my code mike2021 and get 15 minutes free to try it out. If you're already using Cambly, you can get an amazing deal right now: 42% off a one year package or 31% off a quarterly package. The discount codes are good for Cambly and Cambly Kids. But you've got to hurry. This is a flash sale only good until January 1st. I can go on and on about the benefits of Cambly, but let's just let their teachers do the talking.

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[00:06:33] I like the randomness of just picking up conversations with different people from different parts of the world, not knowing who they are or what they're going to be talking about.

[00:06:43] The reason why Cambly is the best option is because you have complete freedom over your schedule.

[00:06:51] Some students love to mix across a whole range of teachers. You know, they might talk to three or four different teachers in one week.

[00:06:57] That is what makes Cambly the best. You cannot put a cost on freedom. Bye Mike!

[00:07:02] Thanks again to Cambly for supporting me, my family, and my channel.

[00:07:10] It's negative. Haha! Let me check both of them here. Both negative, no antibodies, which means we haven't had it in the recent past so that is great news. I'm starting to feel a little more peace, a little less nervous. Things are coming together and now I'm hungry. It's been a long morning. Little Mike is tired. We're going to go get some lunch. Oh!

[00:07:40] We're just kind of back in a room waiting for the results. It's a little nerve-wracking. I'm just watching a status that went from 'collected tests'. Now it says the test is at the lab. It's probably going to be a few more hours. I don't know. But I just... I need that test result. I have all the other documents scanned, ready to send digital versions to the consulate for approval. Feeling better, but still, I don't know. It's still just kind of stressful.

[00:08:13] Much, much, much later.

[00:08:14] It's about 9:30 at night. I just got my email that says a result is in. I'm going to go into the bathroom here because it's too dark and Little Mike is sleeping outside. I haven't looked at it yet. Super nervous. My heart's beating really fast. Alright, here we go. Oh my...not detected. So that's great. Now I've just gotta check my wife's and make sure she's good to go. Yes! Not detected. We are both good. The sigh of relief. OK, so I don't why it's such a big deal, I just like... I had a great time in the US, but I just feel like we left (Shanghai) and just didn't get to say goodbye to anybody. It's kind of like going back home a little bit. I've lived in Shanghai for nine years. Flights getting canceled and changed so many times. We call it an emotional roller coaster in English. Enough talking, I gonna submit this and I'll let you know the result of... the... I can't even talk right now. The green code, the green QR code.

[00:09:27] It's about 10:30 in the morning. I didn't sleep much last night. My code is still yellow. We've been calling the consulate all morning trying to figure out what's wrong. So it's been about 13 hours and still no green code. We fly tonight at 12:00 so basically have about ten hours to get this sorted out. Otherwise, I'm not getting on that airplane and I'm not sure what we're going to do. I have no idea right now. I just wish they would deny me and tell me why then it would just be easy. I could just go make the change and resubmit my information. I don't know. I'm freaking out. I'm just trying to do some work, trying to get my mind off it and wait for some good news. Wait for an email, wait for a phone call, wait for the code to turn green. Otherwise, it looks like I'm not coming back. I'm trying to be optimistic but it's so stressful. Just these little things and you have no control over...or very little control. You're just at the mercy of someone else. So hopefully I get approved.

[00:10:31] I just hopped in the truck and left to go to the lab where I did my blood test, my antibody test. Because I saw the test did not have my middle name on it, so I went to go home and put my middle name on it and my passport number. I thought that was.... I thought that was maybe the problem.