

## 疫情回中国之路 2.mp3

[00:00:01] I just got my email that says the result is in. Not detected! I'm gonna submit this and I'll let you know the result of the... the green QR code. It's about 10:30 in the morning. My code is still yellow. We've been calling the consulate all morning trying to figure out what's wrong. We fly tonight at 12:00, so basically, we have about 10 hours to get this sorted out. Otherwise, I am not getting on that airplane and I don't know, I'm freaking out.

[00:00:30] Ok, so 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 have them put my middle name on it and my passport number. I thought that was maybe the problem. I went into the office and asked her to do it. I looked and I had the green code. Oh my gosh, 15 hours later I got it after I just resubmitted using my full name, which included my middle name. Such an idiot! I should have known that. I just wish they would have told me that was the problem. But I now I know that was the problem. Oh, my gosh. Such a peace has come over me. I was just praying on the way over. I'm like... this has turned me into a terrible person, you know, arguing with my wife, kind of getting angry at my son because we're both freaking out, trying to figure out what to do. We can't watch him. We're trying to call people, but now it looks like we're going. So, wow! I've not been this stressed in so long. It's just so many months of preparation and so much money spent and so much money that we'd lose if we missed this flight. So this was...a much bigger hurdle than I thought, but now we're over it. We've both got our green codes and I guess we're going to Shanghai. I'm gonna go back, get some lunch. I haven't been able to eat anything all morning. My stomach is just been in knots. I gonna have to take a nap this afternoon because I'm just exhausted emotionally and physically. Anyway.

[00:02:12] Ok, so we've got a nice early start. Just go to the airport. I dropped my wife and my son off and then I took the rental car back and I'm just going to go check in now. I've got about three and a half hours until takeoff.

[00:02:35] My little guy, he's ready for bed when we get on the plane. He'll probably fall asleep before we get on because the plane leaves at midnight. He took a very late nap.

Hopefully he'll go to bed around nine or 10 and sleep most of the trip. We'll see. I don't really care at this point. I just want to get on the plane and take off. All this work, all this preparation, I want some pay off. All right. We're going to check in.

[00:02:59] Escalator.

[00:03:00] So here we are at the terminal, we met some fans.

[00:03:02] Yeah yeah.

[00:03:02] Where are you from?

[00:03:04] I'm from Shanghai.

[00:03:05] You're from Shanghai?

[00:03:05] Yeah but I live here.

[00:03:08] You live here? OK, going back for the holiday?

[00:03:10] No, I'm actually sending my in-laws back to Shanghai.

[00:03:13] Oh, so fun to meet fans. How did you recognize me? You can't see my face.

[00:03:13] Yeah, it was so amazing. I was like, this guy looks familiar. I've seen his videos.

[00:03:13] Even with all this on?

[00:03:13] He must be some kind of teacher? Yeah Teacher Mike.

[00:03:13] That's so funny.

[00:03:13] It will be a great honor roll video to be in your video.

[00:03:13] All right. We got our tickets. That's one step closer. It took like 20 to 30 minutes. I don't know what was happening. I was starting to freak out again, but it's all good. I think we're good to go. I'm going to go through security and I think we're going the wrong way. But we're here with the security and I think we've got to go to the gate, scan our codes, fill out another form and get on the plane.

[00:04:02] We made it through security. I've got my little buddy here riding my suitcase. Say hi Little Mike. Now we're just heading to the gate. We've got to scan our green health codes. There's one more health form I got to fill out, apparently. What's that, buddy? I don't understand. Maybe we'll get some more food for the plane. I don't know if they're going to have food on it. I don't really care. I'll starve, I don't mind.

[00:04:28] We're at the gate. It's under construction, as you can see. We're putting a little Michael to sleep and then they already started checking temperatures and QR codes, so we got to go do that.

[00:04:41] We passed temperature checks, QR code checks. Whoa.

[00:04:44] Got my little yellow sticker on the passport. We're good to go.

[00:04:50] Go to sleep. We're about to get on the plane. I want you to sleep the whole time, OK? What? Are you sleepy? Sleepy. He wouldn't go to sleep with Mommy so he said "Daddy, daddy want to sleep with daddy." Now he won't sleep, will you? It's hard to find a dark, quiet place. No, you're not going to go there. How do you have so much energy? It's almost midnight. Unbelievable.

[00:05:11] We're boarding! You're still not sleeping! We're doing it. We're going. It's like we're crossing the finish line after running a big race, but the flight hasn't even started yet. I'm happy everything worked out. It will be good to get back to our own apartment where all our stuff is. Have our own space. See so many old friends that we've come to know over the past nine years in Shanghai. Oh, my gosh, we made it. First ones on the plane. One of the perks of having a baby with you. Hopefully you'll sleep most of the flight. All right, I've got to get situated here.

[00:06:01] Many hours later.

[00:06:05] We made it back. We just landed in Shanghai. Little Mike is sleeping and we're just waiting for the officials to come on the plane. They're going to tell us how to get off the plane and what we need to do. I've heard it's usually about four to five hours from this point to get to your hotel. Even though we have to quarantine for two weeks, I'm still pretty excited about the fact that I get to sleep in my own bed. I don't know how many beds I've slept in this year. It's been a crazy year. T

[00:06:41] It's time for covid testing. Little Michael is getting his right now. He gets to do a throat one. I have to do a nose one, but I'm not going to film it. There's just too many people. It's not very polite. I hope Little Michael doesn't have any problems.

[00:06:52] A few minutes later.

[00:06:53] Ok, that's done. The good news is Little Michael did a very good job. He didn't cry. He just opened his mouth and they did the throat swab. The bad news is this is the third test I've done, and that one was by far the worst. Tickling my brain! I almost sneezed with that thing inside my nose. That could have been deadly, I don't know. Anyway, off to the next step. I'm guessing customs? Get our luggage?

[00:07:24] We've got all of our luggage, made it through customs no problem. Everything was pretty fast. I mean, we were the only flight here. Our flight was maybe 60 percent full, but so far so good. Everybody is in good spirits. Little Michael has been really good.

[00:07:39] All right. We're outside going to the bus and off to downtown Shanghai. We're going to stay in a hotel for probably one or two nights. There's a possibility we can quarantine at our home because we have a baby. Not for sure. They've got to clear it with our community. But that would be awesome if we could quarantine at home, not only to save money, but just have a bigger space, just be at home, sleep in my own bed. Oh, man, that sounds awesome. All right, I've got to load the luggage.

[00:08:09] On the bus, on the bus going to the hotel. Right? Are you gonna take a nap on the bus? Take a nap on the bus. Good. There's a possibility of going to quarantine in

our apartment if our tests come back negative. Planning for the worst, hoping for the best, right buddy?

[00:08:35] Right buddy.

[00:08:36] Here we go. By the way, he just refuses to wear a mask. So that's something we're going to have to practice. He's only one so I didn't really expect him to wear it. It's always good to get him used to new things as soon as possible, like potty training! We're going to do potty training when we get home.

[00:08:55] Hey everyone, so we just went back to the hotel and crashed last night. It's the next day now. We ordered our first meal through delivery. Our hotel allows us to order delivery. Not all of them, do some of them you just have to take what they give you. Since we can do delivery, the first thing straight away: Mr Yang's Fried Dumplings. So good! It's pretty nice, it's kind of basic. We're right outside the train station. I don't know if you can see. Right outside the train station there. Little Michael is ready for a nap. We slept great last night, though. So I think we're going to get over jetlag real quick. I've got my little workstation set up here. I'm editing a video for you guys. So for some Christmas we got fried dumplings. I thought it was kind of clever. We're going to probably just relax this afternoon, maybe watch a Christmas movie. I probably won't work too much today cuz it's Christmas. Nothing else to do. I'm going to finish my fried dumplings and put the little guy down for a nap. I'll talk to you guys in a bit.