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This is certainly different and a variation on the "close contact" rule.

VIP – please check with FAO again on this. Seems to be a CDC rule and given our history with close contacts and following hotel separations, want to make sure the MFA/FAO understand this is not acceptable for our people regardless of the reason.

Thanks,

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I hadn't heard this rule before:

Travelers flying into Shanghai must undertake a full battery of tests including anal swabs, if more than five people on their airplane test positive for the virus, state media reported, citing one of the local CDC staff.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-china-anal-factbox-idUSKBN2AV0Y4>

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