### **Study on Party Construction Leading Response to Major Public Health Events**

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**Abstract:** Under the background of new coronavirus pneumonia epidemic spreading, the party construction led to cope with public health events is an important manifestation of the political advantages of socialism with Chinese characteristics. Fully exerting the core role of the leadership of the Central Committee of CPC, the role of the Battle Fortress of the Party organizations and the role of the pioneer and model members of the Party are the prominent manifestations of the role played by the Party building in leading the response to public health incidents. In view of the problems existing in the current public health events, rational thinking, doing a good job in the integration of Party building articles, and improving the ability to deal with major public health events are the problems that must be solved in depth.

From December 2019 to now, a Novel coronavirus pneumonia has swept across China, causing a serious threat to the life safety of Chinese people. In the face of the grim situation of accelerated spread of the epidemic, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, with General Secretary Xi Jinping as the core, attaches great importance to and responds quickly. The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China issued the Notice on Strengthening the Party's Leadership and Providing Strong Political Guarantee for Winning the Epidemic Prevention, Control and Blockade War. Party organizations at all levels and the majority of Party members and cadres gave full play to the Party's political advantages and united to lead the broad masses of the people to fight the epidemic, and achieved obvious results. It is of great significance to sort out the leading role of Party building in coping with major public health events, examine the existing problems in the process, and think deeply about how to give full play to the leading role of Party building in order to improve the capacity building in coping with major public health events.

### 1. The prominent role of Party building in leading the response to major public health events

Response to major public health events, as a way of crisis management, is an important component of social governance. The leadership of Party building is not only the political requirement of Party building, but also the organizational requirement and realization mechanism for optimizing social governance. Under the social governance system with Chinese characteristics, the leadership of the Communist Party play an irreplaceable political advantage. Only the effective leadership of the Party can continuously improve the governance efficiency.

## 1.1 The central leadership role of the Central Committee of CPC is the political basis for coping with public health events.

Adhering to and strengthening the leadership of the Party is not only the fundamental and lifeline of the Party and the state, but also the guarantee of the interests of the people of all ethnic groups throughout the country. Reviewing the public health events such as SARS and the current epidemic in China, it is precisely because of the centralized, unified, efficient, clear instructions, orderly, smooth and effective leadership of the Central Committee of CPC, that the work of epidemic prevention and control has been carried out in an orderly manner. After the outbreak of Novel coronavirus pneumonia, the Central Committee of CPC responded quickly and centralized and

unified leadership in various epidemic prevention work, which embodied the core role of leadership.

The first is political leadership. In the face of the serious situation of accelerated spread of the pneumonia epidemic, the Central Committee of CPC immediately established a leading group for the response to the epidemic to unify leadership, unified command, and unified action, to guide the work of epidemic prevention and control by classification, and to make timely decisions and deployments according to the epidemic situation. The Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, held on January 25, February 3 and February 12, proposed that "put the life safety and physical health of the people first, and focus on epidemic prevention and control as the most important work at present", " Ensure to win the people's war of epidemic prevention and control, and strive to achieve the goals and tasks of economic and social development throughout the year ". With the development of epidemic situation, different requirements should be put forward in time to indicate the direction of epidemic prevention and control.

The Second is ideological leadership. Under the deployment of the Party Central Committee, the Ministry of Publicity and Propaganda of the CPC has comprehensively led the work of epidemic prevention and control propaganda, education and public opinion guidance. The Ministry of Publicity and Communications established a press and propaganda emergency team, held a special video conference for deployment guidance, carefully organized the central media to focus on reporting, deepened the propaganda and interpretation of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important directive spirit; guided the mass media to invest in the best quality page period for positive propaganda, to form a strong positive public opinion; and selected key forces to guide the press and propaganda work in Hubei Province, to strengthen the publication of authoritative information. Since January 25, the Central Committee, the official website of the Ministry of Publicity and Propaganda, and the news network of the Communist Party of China have successively opened news coverage topics such as "All the people are united in fighting the epidemic situation", "To win the battle of epidemic prevention and control, the Communist Party members stormed ahead ", to create a good public opinion environment and provide strong public opinion guarantee for winning the epidemic prevention and control blockade war.

The Third is organizational leadership. The notice issued by the Organization Department of the Central Committee of the CPC requires Party committees at all levels to give full play to the role of fighting fortress of grass-roots Party organizations and the vanguard and exemplary role of Party members, fully mobilize grass-roots Party organizations at all levels and the majority of Party members, work hard and do not fear difficulties, firmly stand at the front line of epidemic prevention and control, and widely organize grass-roots Party organizations and Party members to implement joint prevention and control measures. The Central Committee adheres to the principle of the Party in charge of cadres in the epidemic prevention struggle. The Labor Committee of the Central Government requires that Party organizations at all levels and Party members and cadres at all levels of the Central Government and State organs play a full role. Those who fail to implement the Party Central Committee's decision-making and deployment, fail to act or perform their duties, or even fail to report the epidemic situation as well as rumors or rumors truthfully, shall be dealt with seriously in accordance with regulations and discipline according to law. For example, Tang Zhihong, Secretary of Huanggang Health Committee, confronted with the central guidance group's questions on epidemic prevention and control, "one question, three unknowns", causing serious adverse effects and was dismissed; a primary school Deputy principal concealed the epidemic situation and violated regulations in running a birthday banquet, was removed from the Party membership and transferred to the public security organ for handling according to law.

# 1.2 The role of the Party's organizational Battle Fortress is the organizational guarantee for coping with public health incidents

In the face of the severe situation of epidemic prevention and control, under the unified deployment and strong leadership of the Party Central Committee with Xi Jinping as the core, Party organizations at all levels at all levels have united to build a strong battle fortress, which provides

organizational guarantee for winning the epidemic prevention and control blockade war. Overall, the local Party organizations have mainly taken the following measures.

Firstly, establish a leading group for epidemic prevention and control and initiate a first-level response to major public health emergencies. Party committees around the country issue notifications to organize and mobilize Party organizations and Party members and cadres to participate in epidemic prevention and control work; set up working groups such as comprehensive coordination, cadre investigation, organizing propaganda, set up special work classes to clarify responsibilities and tasks; implement a system of responsibility implementation and information exchange in accordance with the requirements of up-down linkage, operation coordination, scientific and efficient work, and clarify that organizing departments perform their duties under the leadership of the Party Committee. Report the development and function of epidemic prevention and control to the higher organization departments in time. Secondly, establish the responsibility system for joint epidemic prevention and control. We should adhere to classified guidance and precise policy implementation, clarify the territorial and departmental responsibilities for epidemic prevention and control based on the actual situation of Party organizations in different fields, and mobilize grassroots cadres and Party members and volunteers for mass prevention and control. Thirdly, the establishment of a temporary joint anti-epidemic party branch. According to the epidemic situation and work needs, the village community applies to the Town Street Party Committee, and the Town Street Party Committee approves the establishment, and absorbs mobile party members, community cadres and other cadres into the branch to strengthen the leadership of the Party organization and achieve resource sharing and accurate verification of epidemic prevention and control. After the establishment of the Provisional Party Branch, Party members have been incorporated into the organizational system of their jurisdiction, taken unified actions, and built up the first line of defense in the village and community. Some temporary Party branches have also set up public notices of epidemic surveillance in urban communities to clarify the epidemic prevention situation of each building, each floor and each resident, and to construct a solid defense line for mass prevention and mass control.

## 1.3 The vanguard and exemplary role of Party members is the strength support to cope with public health events

Since the outbreak of the epidemic, countless Party members and cadres, regardless of their personal safety, stood up and charged ahead to win the epidemic prevention and control war, vividly practiced the pledge of joining the Party and the original mission, and emerged many sobbing advanced models. For example, Zhang Dingyu, president of Wuhan Jinyin Tan Hospital, and Zhang Jixian, the first person to report the epidemic situation. In the face of this pneumonia epidemic, Zhang Dingyu took the lead in the case of serious illness, united and led the cadres and staff of the whole hospital to fight at the forefront of the anti-epidemic, and wrote loyalty to the Party and the people with practical actions. With a strong sense of professional sensitivity, Zhang Jixian first judged and insisted on reporting the virus epidemic, sounded the alarm of epidemic prevention and control work, and fully played the vanguard model role of Party members.

With the increasingly serious epidemic situation, the number of medical staff required to join the Party is increasing. Medical personnel from all parts of the country stand up to protect the lives and safety of the people, fight in the front line and accomplish their tasks well. These white-clothed soldiers not only completed their own swearing ceremony for Party membership, but also practiced the pledges of the Communist Party members with actual actions such as petitions, red handprints and loving donations, which highlighted the vanguard model of the Party members.

### 2. Examination and Reflection on Major Public Health Events Leaded by Party Construction

Overall, at present, these practical measures give full play to the important role of Party building in leading the response to major public health events, which reflects that the leadership of the Party is the political guarantee to do a good job in epidemic prevention and control and win the hard battle of epidemic prevention and control. The CPC Central Committee fully implements the

requirements of "firm confidence, cooperative efforts in the same boat, scientific prevention and control, and precise policy implementation"; Party organizations at all levels play a role of battle fortress, leading the masses to unite defense and control; thousands of Party members are on the front line of epidemic prevention and control, leading the battle and leading the battle day and night for the people's life safety. The global awareness and concept embodied in this epidemic is also the key point for the Party building to lead the response to major public health events. Whether it is the leading core role of the CPC Central Committee or the role of the Battle Fortress of the Party organizations or the vanguard and exemplary role of the Party members, it is aimed at rapidly mobilizing forces and pooling resources to form a strong joint force of all people to fight the epidemic. Xi Jinping pointed out that Party committees and governments at all levels must resolutely obey the Party Central Committee and enforce prohibitions. Under the unified leadership of the Party Central Committee, a counterpart support mechanism has been established. Nineteen provinces throughout the country provide counterpart support to 16 cities in Hubei Province, with tens of thousands of medical personnel supporting Wuhan alone. The army ensures the effective delivery of medical supplies and personnel, and dispatches a large number of medical personnel to the frontline of anti-epidemic, laying a solid foundation for overcoming the epidemic.

However, the blunt response of the Wuhan health and epidemic prevention organ in the early stage of the epidemic also exposed the problems existing in the Party building of the health system, such as the imperfect Party organization system, the inadequate construction of the style of Party members and cadres, and the poor transmission of information within the Party. Effectively solving these problems and promoting Party building to play a leading role in major public health incidents in a timely and effective manner need to take many measures at the same time.

On the one hand, strengthen the leading role of Party building work. Improve the understanding of the importance of Party building work, insist on taking the leadership of the Party as the core, compact the responsibility of Party building, promote the scientific, institutionalized and standardized Party building, so as to optimize the work of government departments, stimulate the enthusiasm of cadres and groups, make the building of the Party as the banner of leading work and drive the work. We should strengthen the construction of cadres and style of work in Party organizations of the health system. Establish and improve the multi-channel and multi-perspective personnel selection and employment mechanism, adhere to the double selection of Party and government personnel and professional personnel, and create a strong political, professional, good style, and a sense of responsibility of the cadre team of Party members. We should intensify training efforts, continuously improve the ability and quality of existing Party members, give full play to the vanguard and exemplary role of Party members, strive to improve the quality of medical services and better serve the people.

On the other hand, do a good job of the integration of Party building articles. We should closely combine the prevention and control of public health events with strengthening the construction of the Party's grass-roots organizations to better play the role of grass-roots Party organizations in epidemic prevention and control. We should strengthen the construction of early warning mechanism for public health events within the Party. Firstly, relying on the Regulations on Emergency Response to Public Health Emergencies, drawing lessons from the SARS period, under the guidance of the Party Central Policy, formulate corresponding policy plans according to the actual situation and actual needs of the epidemic response, and set up a hierarchical response plan to respond to the epidemic according to the level of the epidemic. Secondly, Party organizations of the health system should speed up the construction of a relatively independent and vertically managed health information reporting system, strengthen disease surveillance, collect information on infectious diseases within their jurisdiction, and timely report suspicious information through this system in order to start early warning of public health events before the outbreak of disease.

### 3. Conclusion and Prospect

After the outbreak of Novel coronavirus pneumonia, under the centralized and unified leadership of the CPC Central Committee, Party organizations at all levels and the majority of Party members

and cadres responded to the call of the Party and actively performed their duties, fulfilled their duties, and advanced the charge, fully reflecting the sense of responsibility and mission for the people and serving them. Based on the analysis of policy examples in various regions, this paper finds that adherence to the leadership of Party building in major public health incidents can play a strong mobilization and integration ability, scientific organization and coordination ability, and efficient governance ability, which highlights the political advantages of adherence to the leadership of the Party and the institutional advantages of concentrating on major affairs in China. It is predictable that similar public health events will still occur after the outbreak of the new crown epidemic. Party members and Party organizations should play a leading role in the Party's construction in dealing with major public health events. Party members and Party organizations will always adhere to their original mission, insist that the interests of the people are higher than everything else, be brave to assume the role, gather the strength of unity of all people and work together in a boat, and properly solve major public health issues with their ability to truly grasp the practical work. Protect the life and safety of the people.

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