

China's sandy weather to weaken

The national observatory said Saturday the sandy and dusty weather in China will weaken in force, but some areas will still be hit by sandstorms.

Affected by cold air and cyclones, sandy and dusty weather will continue in Xinjiang Uygur, Inner Mongolia and Ningxia Hui autonomous regions, as well as Qinghai, Gansu, Liaoning, Hebei and other provinces, the National Meteorological Center (NMC) said in a statement.

Some eastern parts of Inner Mongolia will be hit by sandstorms, the center said.

Sandstorms swept across a vast part of China on Thursday and Friday, prompting NMC to issue blue alerts, the lowest level in a four-tier weather warning system.

Most recently, NMC renewed the alert on Friday evening, urging affected regions to close doors and windows at home and wear masks outdoors.