1. **Vax**

Vax has been chosen as the word of the year by lexicographers at the Oxford English Dictionary (OED). Words related to vaccines have spiked in frequency in 2021 due to Covid, with double-vaxxed, unvaxxed and anti-vaxxer all seeing a surge in use. The word first appeared as a noun in the 1980s and then started to be used as a verb in the early 21st century, according to the report.

Have you got vaccinated against COVID-19? Did you or anyone around you have any discomfort after receiving vaccination? Do you think it necessary to get COVID-19 vaccination?

1. **Roadside booths**

Cities around China started allowing people to set up roadside booths or food stalls on streets on a regular basis over the weekend. The vendors had been banned to keep the cities clean, and their return is expected to help increase people's incomes and revive local economies hit hard by the novel coronavirus outbreak. Recently, the Office of the Central Spiritual Civilization Development Steering Commission said that from this year onward, roadside booths, street markets and mobile vendors will no longer be an assessment criteria for affirming and entitling a civilized city nationwide.

Do you like buying goods or foods from roadside booths? What do you think of the liberalization of street stall economy?

1. **Beauty loans**

Commercials for “beauty loans,” which commonly allow mostly young clients to undergo cosmetic treatments with no up-front payments but then hit them with higher-than-promised interest rates, can no longer be aired on TV, radio, or online, China’s National Radio and Television Administration announced on Sep 27. The administration said many such ads promoted over-consumption and were “deceptive,” enticing people with phrases such as “free surgery” but neglecting to mention the true interest costs.

Have you or anyone you know undergone cosmetic treatments? Do you think cosmetic surgery ads exacerbate people’s insecurities about their appearances?

1. **Tax Evasion**

According to the Shanghai Tax Bureau, a group of investigators started to probe into the tax fraud cases after receiving information from members of the public that accused actress Zheng Shuang of tax evasion through contract frauds. The Beijing Bureau of the National Radio and Television Administration has also launched an investigation on Zheng and related production companies for alleged super high remuneration for a TV drama role – 160 million yuan.

What do you think of celebrities evading tax? Should celebrities take more social responsibilities?