

COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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Category	Recent Developments
Economic Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Within 4 days, the World's Tallest Donation Box has seen 390,000 donations for the '10 million meals' campaign. (Link)• The UAE has stated that it supports the ministerial statement issued by the World Trade Organization on trade policies. The ministerial statement supports the vital role of the World Trade Organization as it monitors trade-related measures implemented by member states in response to the coronavirus. (Link)• Abu Dhabi Customs has launched a package of 7 economic incentives to support importers in Abu Dhabi and mitigate the economic burden of the coronavirus. These incentives include postponing payments of importers' customs duties for 90 days, licensing bond warehouses with no fees and others. (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On May 06, the UAE saw 546 new cases (+18.1% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 15,738 total confirmed cases. (Link)• The Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development has issued a new circular to owners and managers of shopping centers and malls in Abu Dhabi reminding them to ensure full compliance with the health and safety rules during this period of re-opening. (Link)• Mass testing is underway in the UAE's Mussaffah area with the capacity to test 10,000 people a day. (Link)• As of May 05, the UAE has conducted over 1.3 million coronavirus tests. (Link)• The UAE has managed to keep the death rate from the coronavirus below 1 percent, which is among the lowest in the world. (Link)• The UAE Ministry of Energy and Industry is collaborating with strategic partners in the medical sector to formulate plans to enhance the level of innovation, productivity and competitiveness of the country's medical industries. (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emirates SkyCargo reconnects six continents with scheduled cargo flights with 67 global destinations on a weekly basis. (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restaurants and cafes outside shopping malls will be allowed to re-open for sit-in customers but with safety measures in place. (Link)• The Consumers and Markets Services Sector has launched a remote inspection initiative to inspect online platforms to ensure that products displayed meet the set requirements and technical specifications. This comes as more people are shopping online amid the coronavirus. (Link)• Dubai Culture launches Dubai Festival for Youth Theatre using digital platforms. (Link)• Individuals over the age of 60 and children under the age of 12 are prohibited from entering shopping malls and retail stores in the UAE. (Link)