

COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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Category	Recent Developments
Economic Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Abu Dhabi Global Market free zone has announced the enactment of several incentives for new businesses. These incentives will commence on May 3 and are an extension of ADGM's larger suite of support measures recently announced. (Link) The Abu Dhabi Department of Government Support is suspending the requirement to submit bid bonds and performance guarantees through close coordination with relevant government entities. (Link) The Department of Government Support has announced that it will allocate 15% of government procurement spending & annual contracts to mSMEs from 2020 onwards with hopes of driving growth for small businesses. (Link) The Authority of Social Contribution – Ma'an reminding Abu Dhabi citizens and residents whose income has been affected by the current health and economic situation to apply for its food support scheme by registering at togetherwearegood.ae. (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On April 29, the UAE saw 549 new cases (+1.47% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 11,929 total confirmed cases. (Link) Four new field hospitals have been built in the UAE's northern Emirates to increase patient capacity amid the coronavirus outbreak. (Link) The National Reference Laboratory announced that it is increasing its daily coronavirus testing capacity by 2,500 raising the total number of tests from 3,500 to 6,000. (Link) Abu Dhabi Health Services Company (SEHA) has completed about 20,000 coronavirus tests for mall and ship employees across the Emirate of Abu Dhabi ahead of reopening. (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emirates SkyCargo dials up focus on safety for employees and operations. As Emirates SkyCargo scales up its operations, it is also taking additional measures to ensure the safety of its employees and operations during the coronavirus pandemic. (Link) Etihad Airways is planning to gradually resume passenger flights on May 16. (Link) Emirates Airlines has announced a limited number of flights to Frankfurt, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Lagos, London, Madrid, Manila and Tunis starting next week. (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Education has announced that it is collaborating with Al Yah Satellite Communications Company to extend the reach of its Remote Schooling initiative for students seeking access to e-learning platforms during the current coronavirus situation. (Link) The Executive Council of Umm Al Quwain has issued a decision to reopen commercial establishments in the emirate as per the amended timing of the National Disinfection Program. (Link)