

COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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Category	Recent Developments
Economic Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contributions have poured into the World's Tallest Donation Box, shining 180,000 lights on 18 floors of Burj Khalifa within 24 hours. The donations raised in a single day will help provide 180,000 meals for individuals and families. (Link)The UAE has joined a joint ministerial statement issued by several countries around the world, which expresses their commitment to keeping supply chains flowing despite the ongoing pandemic. (Link)In an effort to collaborate and keep trade flows open during the ongoing pandemic, Abu Dhabi ports has joined 19 of the world's leading port authorities in signing a first-of-its-kind declaration. (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On May 02, the UAE saw 564 new cases (+0.5% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 14,163 total confirmed cases. (Link)The Abu Dhabi Department of Health has stated that coronavirus tests are available for free in healthcare facilities across the emirate for those who are showing symptoms, the elderly, pregnant women and those who have chronic diseases. (Link)Khalifa University researchers monitor coronavirus levels in municipal sewage to track the levels of coronavirus among the general population. (Link)The Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development has directed all shopping malls, food retailers and pharmacies to install thermal cameras at entrances. (Link)A patent has been granted by the Ministry of Economy for the development of an innovative and promising treatment for coronavirus infections using stem cells. The treatment was administered to 73 patients who have all since recovered. (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Emirates and Etihad Airways have canceled their flights to the Philippines after the country closes to passenger planes. (Link)Emirates is set to operate a limited number of passenger flights to Frankfurt, London, Manila, Sao Paulo and Shanghai in May. (Link)Etihad suspends ticket sales on all flights before June 16. Previously, Etihad was selling tickets from May 16 onwards. (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dubai police have announced that more than 3 people from the same family may travel together in the same car. (Link)Malls in Abu Dhabi are starting to re-open, with Yas Mall, Al Jimi Mall and Galleria Mall now re-opened with certain health and safety measures in place. (Link) (Link)Sharjah Economic Development Department announced the reopening of commercial centers, restaurants and salons on May 3. (Link)