COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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Category	Recent Developments
Economic Measures	• The Central Bank of the UAE endorses banks' progressive steps to support customers affected the coronavirus pandemic. To date, 77 percent of the AED 50 billion facility has been drawn down. **(Link)** • The '10 million meals' campaign has concluded with over 15 million meals donated in less than a month. **(Link)**
Health & Safety	• On May 16, the UAE saw 796 new cases (+6.5% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 22,627 total confirmed cases. **(Link)** • The Dubai Health Authority has clarified that it follows the polymerase chain reaction test, the only type of test currently approved by international and local authorities to confirm the diagnosis of the coronavirus. **(Link)** • The second phase of Abu Dhabi's Musaffah sanitation drive started on May 16. **(Link)**
Travel	• Abu Dhabi Airports today announced that it will continue to facilitate inbound and outbound repatriation flights for Etihad Airways until May 30, 2020. **(Link)** • Air Arabia reports that its first quarter profits have sunk by 45%. **(Link)**
Daily Life	• Abu Dhabi's Agriculture and Food Safety Authority has directed major stores in Abu Dhabi to dedicate prominent spaces to display local agri-products. **(Link)**