

COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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Economic Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The UAE's Securities and Commodities Authority has provided listed companies with an additional 45 days to file their financial statements for 2019 and the first quarter of 2020. (Link)• The Emirates Red Crescent has deployed a total of 5,000 food parcels amongst various areas of society as part of its contributions to the 'Fund of the UAE – Homeland of Humanity'. (Link)• Islamic Affairs Department has launched the 'Social Solidarity Fund Against COVID-19'. The Fund seeks to support the fight against the coronavirus by allowing members of society to pay their Zakat donation during Ramadan to support those affected by the pandemic. (Link)• The Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry has announced its support for the 'Social Solidarity Fund Against COVID-19' launched by the Islamic Affairs Department. The Dubai Chamber of Commerce has pledged to donate AED 10 million to the Fund. (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On April 4, the UAE saw 241 new cases (0.41% increase) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 1,505 total confirmed cases. (Link)• The Abu Dhabi Department of Health has launched a new smartphone application titled "Stay Home" that ensures people requested to self-quarantine in fact do so. In the best interests of the community, the application will enable the Department of Health to know the whereabouts of those individuals requested to self-quarantine to ensure that the conditions of the self-quarantine are not violated. (Link)• Dubai to open 3 new drive-through coronavirus test centers. (Link)• The Dubai Health Authority has extended the validity of expired health cards for three months starting from March 24, 2020. (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The UAE and the United Kingdom have signed a memorandum of understanding on transit flights for British nationals during the coronavirus outbreak. The understanding states that the two countries are ready to facilitate the movement of nationals between the each other during emergencies. (Link)• Dubai Airports has been working with airlines, embassies and government authorities to provide solutions for passengers who have been stranded in Dubai's international airport. Passengers awaiting their repatriation flights are being provided with rooms and meals in hotels inside of Dubai's international airport. (Link)• Etihad Airways is now allowing a select number of outbound flights to return individuals to their home country. Currently flights are available to Seoul, Singapore, Manila and Jakarta. (Link)• Emirates Airlines will be bringing home all stranded UAE nationals home for free. UAE nationals are directed to contact their closest embassy for more information. (Link)• All inbound and outbound passenger flights and the transit of airline passengers in the UAE have been suspended for an additional two weeks. The suspension still applies to those holding a valid UAE residency visa. Flights repatriating UAE nationals and carrying

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	<p>individuals outbound who wish to return to their home countries have been temporarily allowed. (Link) (Link)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emirates Airlines has received approval from the UAE Government to begin operating certain outbound flights to London Heathrow, Frankfurt, Paris, Zurich and Brussels starting April 6. These flights are meant to carry individuals who wish to return to their home country. (Link) On April 5, a special Emirates flight is scheduled to depart Dubai to repatriate vulnerable UK tourists. This flight has been made possible with the help of the UAE Government. (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dubai has extended its sterilization program to 24 hours a day across all areas and communities. This means that individuals are highly discouraged from leaving their homes at all. Only one member of each family is permitted to leave to buy essential goods and must wear a mask and gloves when doing so. (Link) The Roads and Transport Authority has announced it public bus services will be free of charge for individuals permitted to leave during the extended disinfection program. In addition, Dubai taxis will offer a 50 percent discount on normal fares. (Link) The National Sanitation Program, which was supposed to end April 4, will continue across the UAE until further notice. (Link) Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism has extended the ban on all events and wedding parties and has extended the closure of such venues in Abu Dhabi until further notice. (Link) Dubai Economy has assured the general public that local markets do not face any shortage of consumer and non-consumer commodities, especially basic essential. (Link)