

COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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Category	Recent Developments
Economic Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under the directives of President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan the Abu Dhabi Executive Council has approved the the order to disperse housing loans, houses and residential plots totaling AED 5.5 billion to more than 5500 UAE nationals. (Link)• Abu Dhabi sold 3\$ billion in bonds with a tap of dollar bonds issued last month. (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On May 19, the UAE saw 873 new cases (+4.9% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 25,063 total confirmed cases. (Link)• The UAE National Program for Happiness and Wellbeing has announced the launch of a mental health hotline (800-4673) to support individuals' mental health and psychological wellbeing during the coronavirus pandemic. (Link)• G Healthcare launches health AI services to accelerate coronavirus diagnosis and drug discovery. (Link)• The Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism has announced the launch of a safe and clean certification program, which will be a first of its kind in the region. (Link)• The UAE has developed novel equipment which enables for much faster mass screenings, with test results available in seconds. (Link)• Mubadala and Honeywell collaborate to manufacture N95 respirators and Strata's Al Ain Facility. (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Etihad Airways laid off approximately 100 employees this month of its 20,530 employees, due to the coronavirus (Link)• Global Aerospace Logistics announced that it has signed an agreement with Etihad Airways to support local jobs and training. (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UAE has released a revised list of fines for those who violate coronavirus rules and restrictions. For example, those who have or had the coronavirus and try to tamper with tracking device or app installed by authorities will be fined AED 10,000. (Link)• Starting May 20, the national sterilization program will operate from 8 pm each night until 6 am each morning. The new timings will be in place until further notice. (Link)