## Economic Measures
- HH Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Ruler of Fujairah, has exempted local licensing fees and taxes year 2020. ([Link](#)).
- HH Sheikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mu’alla, Ruler of Umm Al Quwain, has issued an economic incentive package to support businesses and individuals. The incentive includes, among other things, a 50% discount on fees related to new and renewal of business licenses. ([Link](#)).
- UAE now produces over 6 million tons of food. The Food Security Minister stated that production could increase during times of crisis. ([Link](#)).
- Private-sector employees must commit to ensuring employee wages are safeguarded and paid on time via the Wages Protection System. ([Link](#)).
- Dubai Economy has shut down 19 shops, issued 165 warnings and imposed penalties on two businesses for not complying with the precautionary measures for reopening. ([Link](#)).
- 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](#)).

## Health & Safety
- On April 29, the UAE saw 552 new cases (+0.5% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 12,481 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
- 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
- The Ministry of Education has launched the “Sanadcom” initiative for children of medical, administrative and nursing staff to promote their academic progress and meet all their technical and psychological requirements. ([Link](#)).
- 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](#)).
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