COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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| Economic Measures | • The Burj Khalifa has launched the world’s tallest donation box in support of the ‘10 million meals’ campaign. (Link)  
                   • The Commercial Compliance & Consumer Protection sector in Dubai Economy has implemented a new inspection campaign for shops and commercial establishments. All 474 businesses inspected on May 1 were found to be fully compliant with reopening guidelines. (Link) |
| Health & Safety   | • On May 02, the UAE saw 561 new cases (+0.7% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 13,599 total confirmed cases. (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)  
                   • The Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization has conducted 560 inspection visits to measure compliance of private establishments with the precautionary measures against the spread of the coronavirus. (Link)  
                   • Abu Dhabi Municipality has carried out a campaign to disinfect major shopping centers in Abu Dhabi city and the mainland as part of the National Disinfection Programme. (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        | • 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) |