

COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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Category	Recent Developments
Economic Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UAE banks gave 4.3% more loans to small and medium sized enterprises in the first quarter of 2020 compared to the fourth quarter of 2019. (Link)• The Sharjah Consultative Council has published on their social media platforms a documentary film informing the public of the economic stimulus package. (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On May 20, the UAE saw 941 new cases (+7.78% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 26,004 total confirmed cases. (Link)• The UAE public has been urged by the Ministry of Health and Prevention to download the Alhoshn tracing app to help trace and stop the spread of the coronavirus. (Link)• A center that processes visa documents has been shut down by Dubai authorities for breaching coronavirus rules. (Link)• A post-coronavirus public health law focused on healthy school meals and better mental health facilities was approved by the Federal National Council. Under the new law schools will be penalized for selling junk food in canteens. (Link)• Dubai Police have launched an online game (titled Stay Safe) to help people understand the importance of following precautionary measures to limit the spread of the coronavirus. The video game can be played in five different languages. (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emirates Airlines is seeking to cancel 5 of its last 8 A380 deliveries with Airbus SE. (Link)• The UAE General Civil Aviation Authority and the Jordanian Civil Aviation Authority have agreed to align their coronavirus countermeasures in relation to air freight and aviation services to promote the development and expansion of safe, secure and high-quality air cargo services. (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The National Disinfection Program is to begin from 6 pm to 6 am in industrial and Workers' residential cities as of May 20. (Link)• Licensed restaurants located in and outside hotels in Dubai will again be allowed to serve alcohol starting Sunday next week after Ramadan. (Link)