

# COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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Category	Recent Developments
<b>Economic Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharjah has launched a media campaign to highlight role of their 47-point stimulus package. The media campaign aims to increase awareness of the available relief to ensure the stimulus package is appropriately utilized. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>The Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development launched a strategic new digital service that will enable restaurants, tourism and entertainment facilities to apply for a 20 percent refund of the annual rental value of their commercial property. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>The Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization has called on the private sector to consider workers infected with the coronavirus as sick cases entitled to sick leave per federal law. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Over 1,000 firms sign up for DIFC’s pension-style savings scheme. The scheme offers a low-cost investment platform for receiving and managing mandatory end-of-service contributions on behalf of employees. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On May 10, the UAE saw 781 new cases (+25.16% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 18,198 total confirmed cases. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Upon the directives of HH Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak, an initiative has been launched to provide protective equipment for medical professionals, including doctors, nurses and paramedics. The initiative is titled “Their Protection is Our Responsibility”. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Abu Dhabi Police are disinfecting ambulances and non-emergency transport vehicles to reduce the risk to medical workers. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Abu Dhabi has launched a mobile coronavirus screening center. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Road radars and monitoring systems have been activated in Abu Dhabi to catch motorists who violate coronavirus restrictions during the National Sterilization Programme. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>
<b>Travel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Etihad and Emirates Airways will be operating limited inbound flights for residents of the UAE currently stuck abroad. Residents must apply online using the Twjudi Resident service to be allowed entry. <a href="#">(Link)</a> <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>
<b>Daily Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abu Dhabi police have announced that they will start issuing movement permits for residents who wish to go out during the sterilization period between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am daily. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>The Ministry of Education has said that distance learning will remain effective until the end of the current academic year in accordance with a previous decision. The Ministry further clarified that any decision for the 2020-2021 academic year is still under review. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>