

COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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Category	Recent Developments
Economic Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commercial Bank of Dubai has opened up its shares to foreign investment. The bank has set a foreign ownership limit at 40 percent. (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On June 16, the UAE saw 346 new cases (+1.16% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 42,982 total confirmed cases. (Link)Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism has issued strict health and safety guidelines and precautionary measures in preparation for the reopening of a number of museums and cultural sites in the emirate. (Link)Sharjah has been continuing its relentless campaign against the coronavirus pandemic taking the most stringent measures and precautionary steps to protect the health and wellbeing of the people of Sharjah. (Link)National Reference Laboratory announced the release of a new iteration of a coronavirus antibody test kit. (Link)Coronavirus patients on home quarantine in Abu Dhabi do not need to visit a test center for subsequent tests until they get a negative result. The Home Isolation Program also offers free food and basic services, such as tele-consultations, laundry and waste management to ensure minimal contact and make the patient's stay comfortable. (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From June 23, select categories of UAE citizens and residents will be permitted to travel abroad to certain destinations. The categories of approved persons and categories will be announced later. (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Despite the lockdown measures placed on Abu Dhabi (not allowing people in or out of the emirate) the Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Committee for the coronavirus have announced that citizens and residents may leave Abu Dhabi without a permit. However, those hoping to enter the emirate must have a permit. (Link)