

# COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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Category	Recent Developments
<b>Economic Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dubai Customs has extended a refund of 20 percent on the customs fees imposed on imported products sold locally in Dubai markets from March 15 to June 30. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li></ul>
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On May 14, the UAE saw 698 new cases (-3.7% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 21,084 total confirmed cases. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li><li>• Dubai Health Authority deploys advanced mobile testing unit to conduct coronavirus screening in labor camps. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li><li>• The Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development has issued a circular to owners and managers of licensed commercial, industrial and tourism facilities on the preventive health and safety guidelines. The circular seeks to promote business continuity while ensuring health and safety. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li><li>• Abu Dhabi hospitals are working hard to protect their staff after hundreds test positive for the coronavirus. Of the 18,000 staff, roughly 4 percent have the coronavirus. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li><li>• Face masks made by inmates are being distributed to workers and healthcare personnel. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li></ul>
<b>Travel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abu Dhabi Airports today announced that it will continue to facilitate inbound and outbound repatriation flights for Etihad Airways until May 30, 2020. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li><li>• Air Arabia reports that its first quarter profits have sunk by 45%. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li></ul>
<b>Daily Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Places of worship are to remain closed until further notice due to the coronavirus. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li><li>• Dubai has opened a drive-in cinema at the Mall of the Emirates while maintaining social distancing guidelines. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li></ul>