

# COVID-19 Update – United Arab Emirates

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| Category                   | Recent Developments  |
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| <b>Economic Measures</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Etihad Credit Insurance and Abu Dhabi Exports Office announced a strategic alliance to help UAE exporters overcome the most pressing challenges they face in the current economic climate. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li></ul>  |
| <b>Health &amp; Safety</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On May 12, the UAE saw 783 new cases (+15.1% from the previous day) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 19,661 total confirmed cases. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li><li>• HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, has ordered free coronavirus tests for UAE citizens, domestic workers, people of determination, pregnant woman and residents who are over 50 years old. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li><li>• The Supreme Committee of Crisis and Disaster Management has approved minor updates to re-opening protocols. While maintaining all previous preventive measures in shopping malls and retail outlets, the update allows the refund and return of goods and use of fitting rooms with certain conditions. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li></ul> |
| <b>Travel</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Etihad Airways to resume transit flights from Melbourne to London on a weekly basis. Travelers from Melbourne will remain on the aircraft when it lands in Abu Dhabi. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li></ul>   |
| <b>Daily Life</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dubai has issued guidelines for re-opening of hotels and beaches. Hotel guests will have to follow a number of new protocols such as filling out a mandatory health declaration. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li><li>• Dubai Economy has released its post-Ramadan re-opening plan for malls and offices. Dubai Economy will allow retailers to stay open for longer and offices can continue to operate with 30 percent staffing. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li><li>• The Ministry of Health and Prevention has denied rumors that they will be closing shopping malls once again. The information that is being circulated is old and relates to a statement made by the Ministry in March. <a href="#">(Link)</a></li></ul>   |