

# Timeline: COVID-19 in Dubai



December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019

First case of COVID-19 reported.

January 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

First COVID-19 case announced in the UAE.

March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

Nurseries close indefinitely.

March 4<sup>th</sup> 2020

KHDA/Schools announce Spring Break starting two weeks earlier than planned, on March 8<sup>th</sup>, with two weeks of Distance Learning to start on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. "All private schools in the country are mandated not to have any students in the school premises for a period of 4 weeks starting from March 8 until April 4, 2020."

March 5<sup>th</sup> 2020

All UAE residents advised to remain within the country.

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

WHO declares the global COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

March 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

UAE bans its citizens from travelling, bars entry to residency visa holders for two weeks, suspends work permit issuance.

March 21<sup>st</sup> 2020

UAE shuts beaches, pools, cinemas, gyms.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

UAE urges public to stay at home.

March 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

Emirates temporarily suspends all passenger flights as UAE halts all air travel.

March 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

A three-day disinfection campaign is announced. A lockdown will begin as of 8pm on March 26<sup>th</sup> and will be lifted at 6am on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Public transportation is suspended during this period. A siren sounds on mobile phones at curfew time.

March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

UAE extends nationwide disinfection programme, and curfew, until April 5<sup>th</sup>.

March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

KHDA announces that Distance Learning will carry on until June 2020, and therefore the end of the academic year.

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April 4<sup>th</sup> 2020

Two-week 24hr lockdown begins, disinfection program to carry on. Grocery delivery slots need to be booked close to two weeks in advance due to demand.

April 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

Anyone who wants to leave their house now requires a police permit. Face masks should be worn at all times when outside the home. Gloves also need to be worn when in supermarkets. Social distancing is set at 2m. Dogs can be walked in the area directly outside their homes for just a few minutes.

April 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dubai announces stricter lockdown. Permits to leave the house to buy essential goods at a grocery store or pharmacy is now limited to one every three days. Dubai Police begin using AI along with the city's speed radars to identify which vehicles have movement permits or belong to people working within vital sectors. Fines are issued to anyone without a permit.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

PCR testing begins.

April 24<sup>th</sup> 2020

Announcement for partial easing of restrictions on movement in Dubai, malls reopen with 30% capacity. Curfew remains between 10pm and 6am. Adults are allowed to exercise outside their homes provided they do not leave their area of residence. Children under 12 and seniors over 60 are not permitted to leave the home.

May 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

Children under 12 and seniors over 60 are permitted to leave the home, but for no longer than two hours, and they must remain within their neighbourhood. Dubai Police confirm more than three family members can now travel in a car; all must wear a mask at all times.

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

Cinemas, gyms, public pools reopen.

### **Word Cloud:**

Covid-19, Coronavirus, Quarantine, Isolation, Work from Home, Stay at Home, Distance Learning, Zoom, Bubbles, Outbreak, Pandemic, Social Distancing, Public Health, Shielding, Lockdown, Curfew, Flatten the Curve, High Risk, PPE, PCR, N95, Masks, Gloves, Risk, Panic, Fear, Virus, Pathogen, Variant, Prevention, Vaccine, Wuhan, Self-Care, Mental Health, Hospital Tents, Telemedicine, Incubation Period, Symptoms, Asymptomatic, Closed, Postponed, Cancelled, Testing, Essential Workers, Frontline Heroes, Contact Tracing, Close Contact, Daily Cases, Hospitalisations, Death Toll, Long Covid, Antibodies, Drive-Through Testing Centre, National Emergency Crisis and Disasters Management Authority (NCEMA), #TogetherWeRecover.

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Sheikh Zayed Road, April 2nd (Gulf News)



April 2<sup>nd</sup> (CNN)





## Dubai Police announces updates to Movement Permit System

The Dubai Police has announced the following updates to the Movement Permit System put in place during the period of the National Sterilisation Programme.

- 1. Cash Withdrawal:** The permit for this will be issued only once every five days and for no more than one hour. During this time, the applicant should not leave their area of residence.
- 2. Medical Visits:** This category is no longer available. However, permits for medical visits can be obtained by applying under the medical emergency category.
- 3. Grocery Shopping:** A permit for this category will be issued only once every three days. Additional requests during this three-day period will be rejected.

Dubai Police has also confirmed that the permit system will automatically adjust time slots to prevent crowding.



## Movement Permit Registration in Dubai

Select your reason for requesting the permit

**WORK**

**PERSONAL**

Please be informed that permits  
will only be given for emergencies

For more information check the [FAQ](#)



## New Permit Request

Enter below information and submit your application.

Transportation

By walking/cycling



Address

Enter origin address

Enter destination address

Date

dd/mm/yyyy

Select Day

Travel Time

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From

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To

**BACK**