



Government of the United Arab Emirates

COVID-19 Update

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Latest Update on COVID-19

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564

New cases



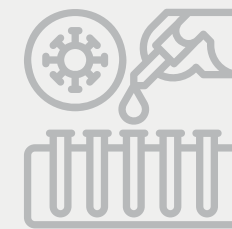
14,163

Total cases



2,763

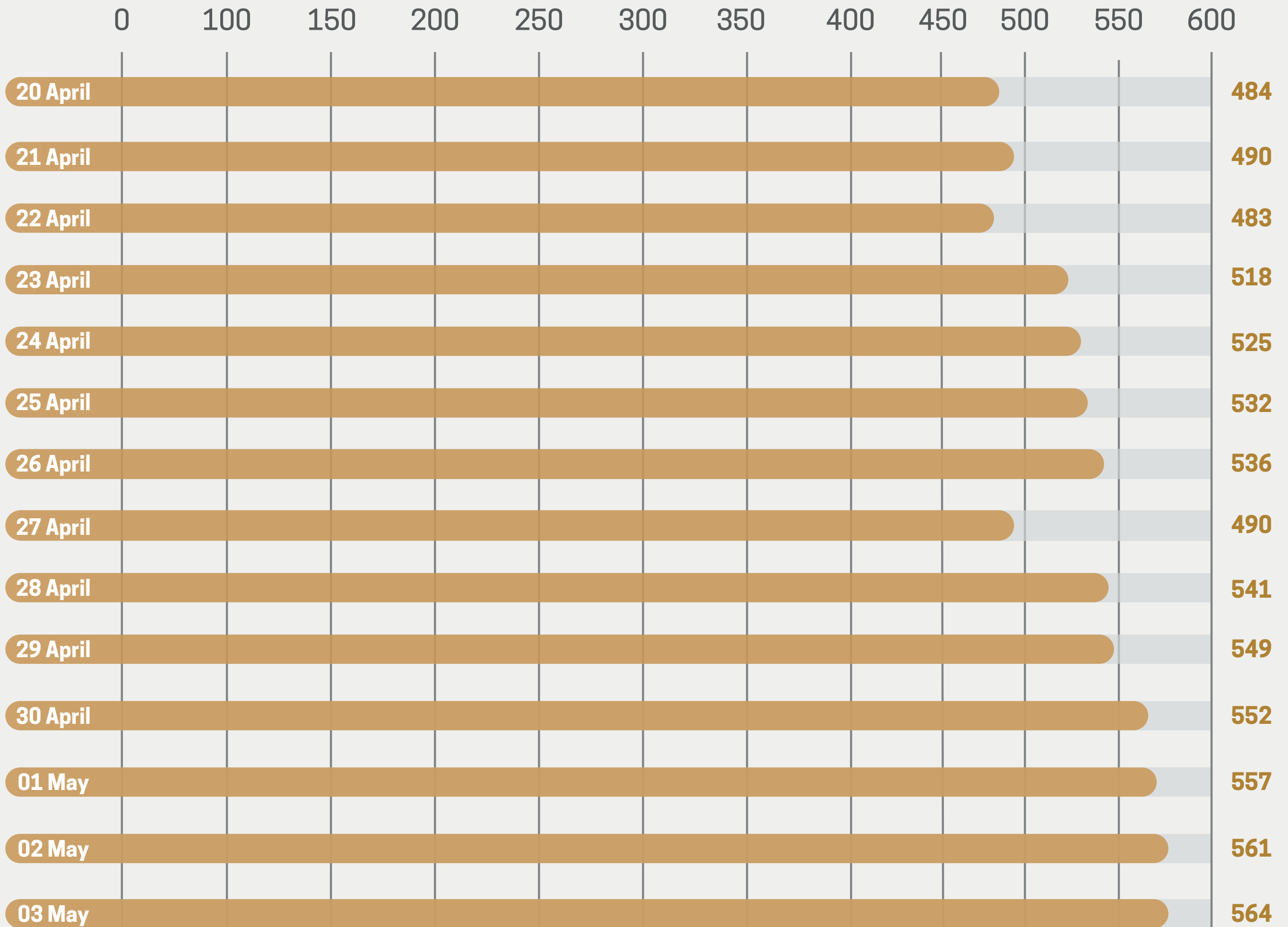
Total recoveries



1.25

Million tests

COVID-19 Diagnosed Cases



UAE COVID-19 News

A UAE-based team of researchers at Abu Dhabi Stem Cells Center has developed a breakthrough stem cell treatment for COVID-19. A patent has been granted by the Ministry of Economy to explore this promising treatment, which has successfully been administered to **73** patients to date.

Dubai authorities have announced the Emirate could open for tourism by early July, dependent on global COVID-19 developments.

Malls have reopened in Dubai and Abu Dhabi at reduced capacity. Malls are equipped with thermal scanners, and employees must be tested for COVID-19 before returning to work.

Abu Dhabi has announced that all workers in commercial and industrial companies must be tested for COVID-19. The UAE has carried out temperature checks, nasal swabs, and basic blood tests on as many as **35,000** UAE residents per day.

UAE COVID-19 News

The UAE has sent medical aid to the Philippines, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and India. To date, the UAE has provided more than **348** metric tons of aid to over **34** countries, supporting nearly **348,000** medical professionals.

The UAE's National Reference Laboratory announced it is increasing its daily COVID-19 testing capacity by **2,500**, raising the total number of tests from **3,500** to **6,000**.

The UAE is now producing nearly six million tonnes of food per year, reflecting the country's growing self-sufficiency and food security. Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, food factories have kept up with demand, with production able to be tripled if necessary.

More than 58 studies are being conducted in the UAE to research and develop innovative treatments for COVID-19. The studies cover genetic factors, animal-to-human spread, and 3-D medical technologies.

UAE COVID-19 News

Four new field hospitals have been built in the Northern Emirates to raise hospital capacity to more than **5,000** beds total.

Abu Dhabi's Etihad Airways announced it plans to start operating regular passenger flights from June **16**.

In a statement to mark International Labour Day, H.E. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance, said that UAE leadership has prioritized workers' welfare, with the 'Don't Worry' initiative providing a safety net for the public.



H.E. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan
MINISTER OF TOLERANCE:

“The UAE leadership spared no effort in ensuring the welfare of workers even under the current circumstances... Workers in the UAE are highly respected as an integral part of the community.”



Dr. Fatima Al Kaabi

CO-RESEARCHER OF STEM CELL TREATMENT PROJECT, HEMATOLOGY CONSULTANT AND DIVISION HEAD OF HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY AT SHEIKH KHALIFA MEDICAL CITY

“Although the researchers have drawn on the expertise and standards of academic colleagues from around the world, who have made many significant achievements in the area of stem cells already, this method is novel and has not been tested before as a treatment for COVID-19 or any other disease. Clearly any treatment that significantly reduces the mortality rate is going to be a game changer for government in deciding how to manage public health security...If the treatment continues to prove successful in larger upcoming trials, it could then be replicated by anyone who has the proper equipment and expertise.”

Further Reading

Coronavirus: UAE stem cell centre develops potential breakthrough Covid-19 treatment

<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/health/coronavirus-uae-stem-cell-centre-develops-promising-breakthrough-covid-19-treatment-1.1013578>

UAE combats coronavirus: Dubai could reopen for tourists from early July

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/coronavirus-pandemic/uae-combats-coronavirus-dubai-could-reopen-for-tourists-from-early-july>

Coronavirus: Dubai's malls reopen but shoppers mostly stay away

<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/coronavirus-dubai-s-malls-reopen-but-shoppers-mostly-stay-away-1.1012874>

Coronavirus: Abu Dhabi tells employers to get all staff tested or face fines

<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/health/coronavirus-abu-dhabi-tells-employers-to-get-all-staff-tested-or-face-fines-1.1011378>

UAE sends coronavirus relief aid to the Philippines, Nepal

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1667256/middle-east>

Further Reading

National Reference Laboratory increases daily COVID-19 tests to 6,000

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UAE hails home-grown success as country produces six million tonnes of food a year

<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/government/uae-hails-home-grown-success-as-country-produces-six-million-tonnes-of-food-a-year-1.1013057>

Combating coronavirus: Over 58 UAE studies seek to develop Covid-19 treatment, faster tests

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/coronavirus-pandemic/combating-coronavirus-over-58-uae-studies-seek-to-develop-covid-19-treatment-faster-tests->

UAE opens four field hospitals in Northern Emirates

<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/health/uae-opens-four-field-hospitals-in-northern-emirates-1.1012797>

Abu Dhabi's Etihad delays return of passenger flights to June 16

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-health-coronavirus-etihad/abu-dhabis-etihad-delays-return-of-passenger-flights-to-june-16-idUKKBN22B1PX?il=0>

Further Reading

UAE leadership has welfare of labour at heart: Nahyan bin Mubarak

<http://wam.ae/en/details/1395302840104>

Video: UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thanks Workers for Contributions to the Country's Development

<https://twitter.com/MoFAICUAE/status/1256278001018429442>

Infographic: The UAE Government is committed to protecting and supporting labourers on multiple fronts as we work together to overcome the COVID-19 crisis

<https://twitter.com/MoFAICUAE/status/1256278022673629188>