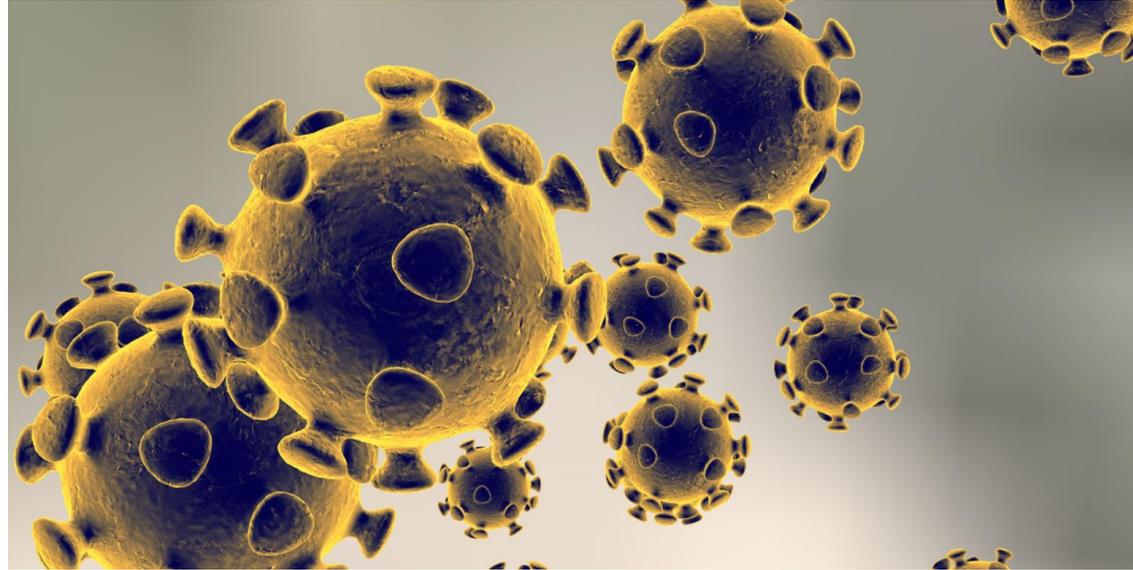




United Arab Emirates Experience on

COVID-19 Developments and
Experience with Testing/
Vaccination Certificates on
Regional and National Level



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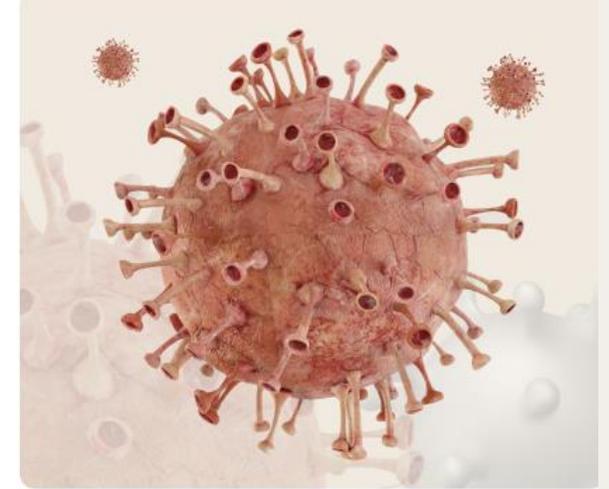


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Effects of *Covid-19* pandemic

- The COVID-19 pandemic has affected countries across the globe.
- How each country handled the crisis.
- World leadership, economic status of the country, health care infrastructure and various other factors played a role in it.
- How UAE handled the biggest public health crisis from a public health perspective.





UAE's Experience

- Recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO) about the preparedness and handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- UAE's response to combat the COVID-19 crisis.





Steps Taken by UAE to deal with COVID-19



1. Role of the National Crisis and Emergency Management Authority (NCEMA).
2. Issuance of alerts by the UAE government about the outbreak of the pandemic even before it was officially declared by WHO.



Steps Taken by UAE to deal with COVID-19 (Continued)



4. Effective and efficient government funded health service infrastructure in the UAE.
5. Role of private health facilities in the UAE.
6. Awareness campaign and daily update about the status of the disease locally and internationally by the UAE Government.



Steps Taken by UAE to deal with COVID-19 (Continued)



7. Mandatory use of face masks in March 2020 implemented by the UAE Government.
8. Establishment of smart technology namely “Virtual Doctor for COVID-19” and “Doctor for every citizen” by the UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention (MoHAP).
9. The establishment of “Weqaya” platform to enhance awareness among the public about the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis.”

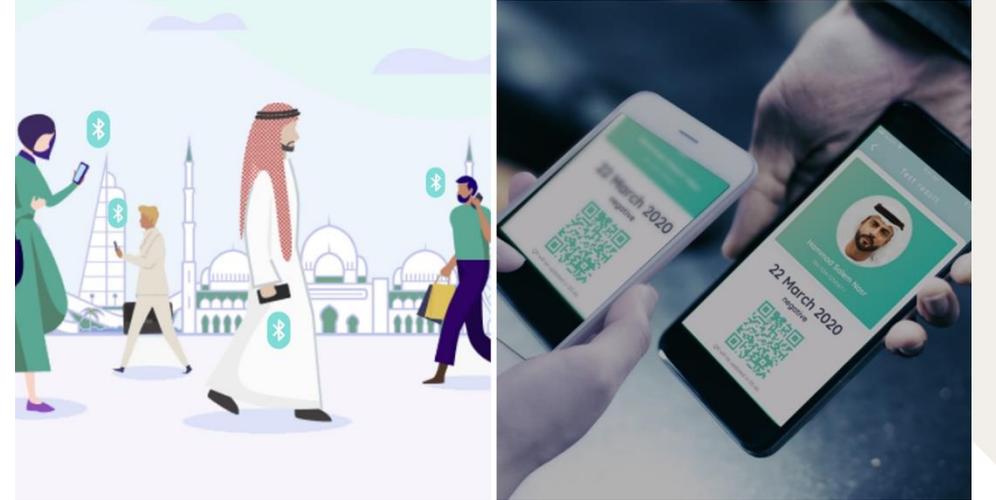


Steps Taken by UAE to deal with COVID-19 (Continued)

10. The launch of the “ALHOSN UAE” application (App).

11. The ‘StayHome’ Application (App) for quarantine and isolation of patients.

12. The Coronavirus helpline.





Establishment of Testing Centers across the UAE

- Testing centers were provided across the country, including drive through testing centers established by the Department of Health.
- Testing services were provided in most health care facilities across the nation.





Provision of free *Covid-19* Tests

Free Covid 19 tests were provided to the following:

- *Emiratis,*
- *domestic workers in Emirati households,*
- *people of determination,*
- *pregnant women,*
- *residents aged over 50 years,*
- *people with chronic diseases and with coronavirus symptoms*
- *all contacts of the coronavirus patients.*

Mass testing campaigns were conducted in crowded pockets with high risk of transmission.



Setting up of additional COVID-19 Hospitals and Quarantine Centers

- Establishment of field hospitals to ease pressure on city-based hospitals and to provide faster response to COVID-19 in the UAE.
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Measures undertaken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the UAE

- Physical distancing standard of two meters.
- Remote learning in all private and government schools.
- Temporary ban on the distribution of all printed newspapers, magazines, etc. to avoid transmission of virus by contact.



Measures undertaken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in UAE (continued)

- Ban on all close gathering such as sporting activities, malls, markets, etc.
- Cancellation of all scheduled inbound and outbound passenger flights, including suspension of issuance of UAE visas for travellers.
- UAE launched clinical trials for COVID-19 vaccine (Sinopharm) in July 2020.





Approved COVID-19 vaccines in the UAE

There are five vaccines in the UAE against the COVID-19 infection. They are:

- Sinopharm,
- Pfizer-BioNTech,
- Sputnik V,
- Oxford-AstraZeneca, and
- Moderna.

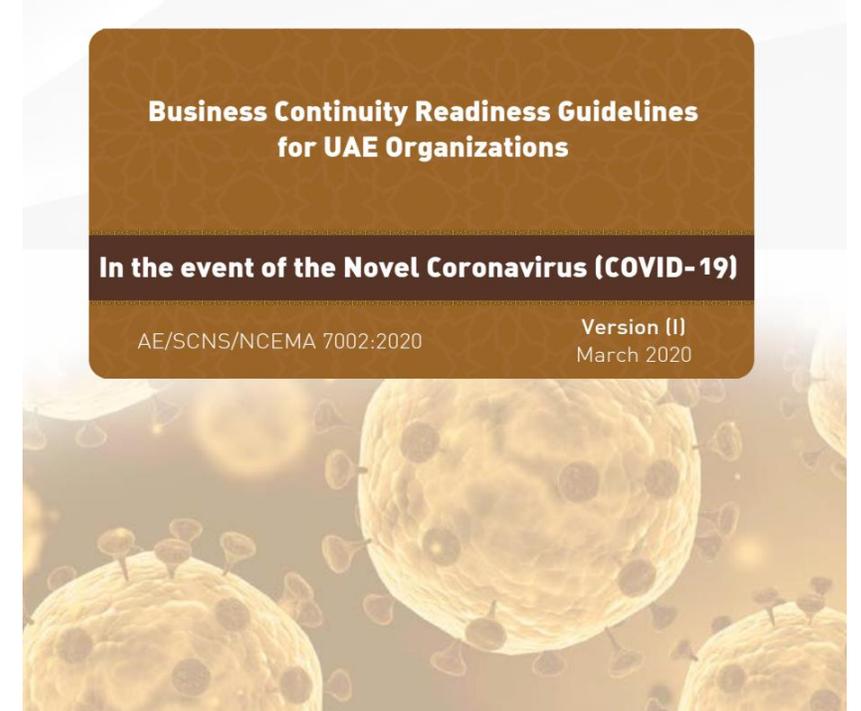


The UAE offered these vaccines to its citizens and residents free of charge.



Development of UAE's business continuity plans

- The UAE government took lead in restarting business.
- Announcement of the two-phased recovery plan to rebuild the economy.
- Issuance of guidelines by the UAE Government for Business continuity for UAE organizations.

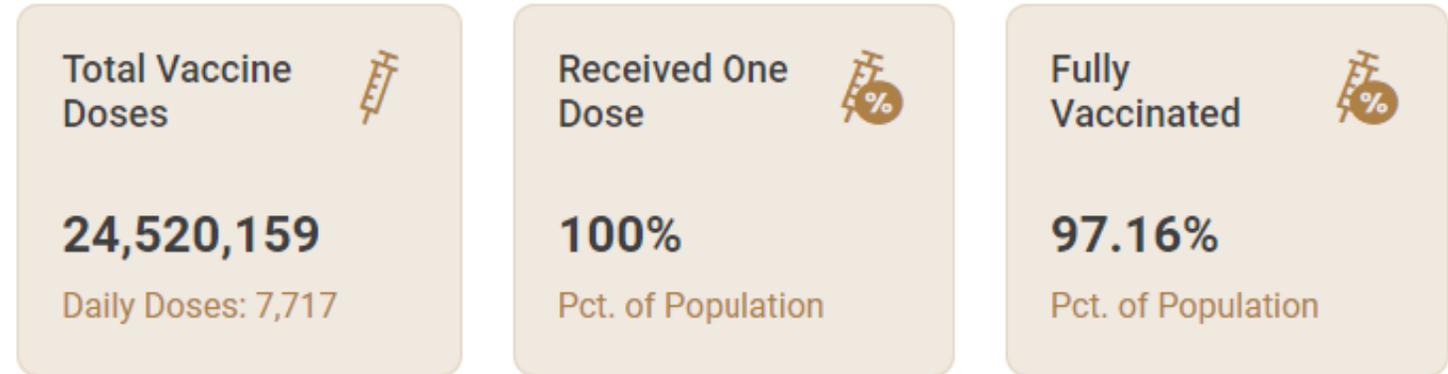




COVID-19 Vaccination Status



- **Total Vaccination Doses: 24,554,986**
- **Daily Doses: 11,488**
- **Percentage of population that have received one dose of the vaccination: 100%**
- **Percentage of population that have been fully vaccinated: 97.24 %**



Source of Data: <https://www.ncema.gov.ae/en/home.aspx>



COVID 19 requirements for travelers from the UAE



- **Unvaccinated Emiratis are banned from travelling out of the UAE from 10 January 2022. UAE nationals may travel if they have:**
 - completed three doses of approved vaccine, or
 - completed two doses and have recovered from COVID-19, or
 - completed two doses of approved vaccine and the second dose within 6 months, etc.



COVID 19 requirements for travelers from the UAE



- **Unvaccinated UAE citizens may travel if they are:**
 - *medically exempted from taking the vaccine or*
 - *required to travel for humanitarian matters or*
 - *traveling for medical and treatment purposes.*
- **UAE Residents do not need the UAE government's approval to travel out of the UAE.**



COVID 19 requirements for International travelers as on 26th February 2022

- **Rules for departure for all international travellers to the UAE:**
 - *Must present the COVID 19 vaccination certificate with a QR code.*
 - *Non vaccinated travellers can either present a valid, negative COVID 19 result of an RT-PCR test conducted within 48 hours before arrival, or*
 - *present a recovery certificate with a QR code from COVID-19 issued within 30 days before departure, if they were previously infected with COVID.*

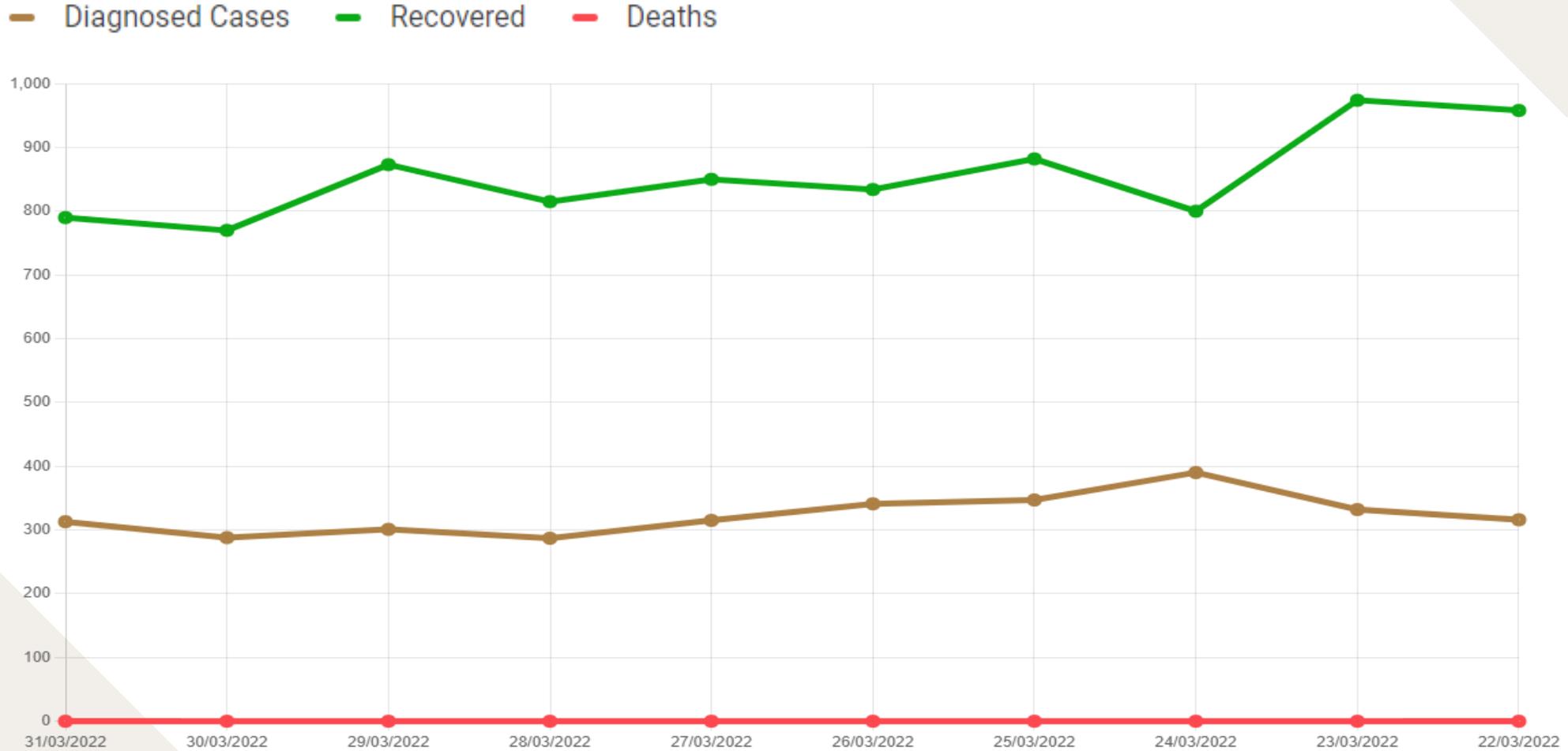


Conclusion

- **UAE took appropriate proactive precautions and preventive health measures to successfully contained the spread of COVID-19.**
- **UAE's success in containing the spread of COVID-19, was also due to its:**
 - *proactive national strategy,*
 - *health protection programme, and*
 - *mobilization of adequate resources and facilities.*



Recent COVID-19 Information and Updates





Thank you