



# **Government of the United Arab Emirates**

## **COVID-19 Update**

AUGUST 20, 2020

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# Latest Update on COVID-19



461

New cases



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New deaths



65,802

Total cases



58,153

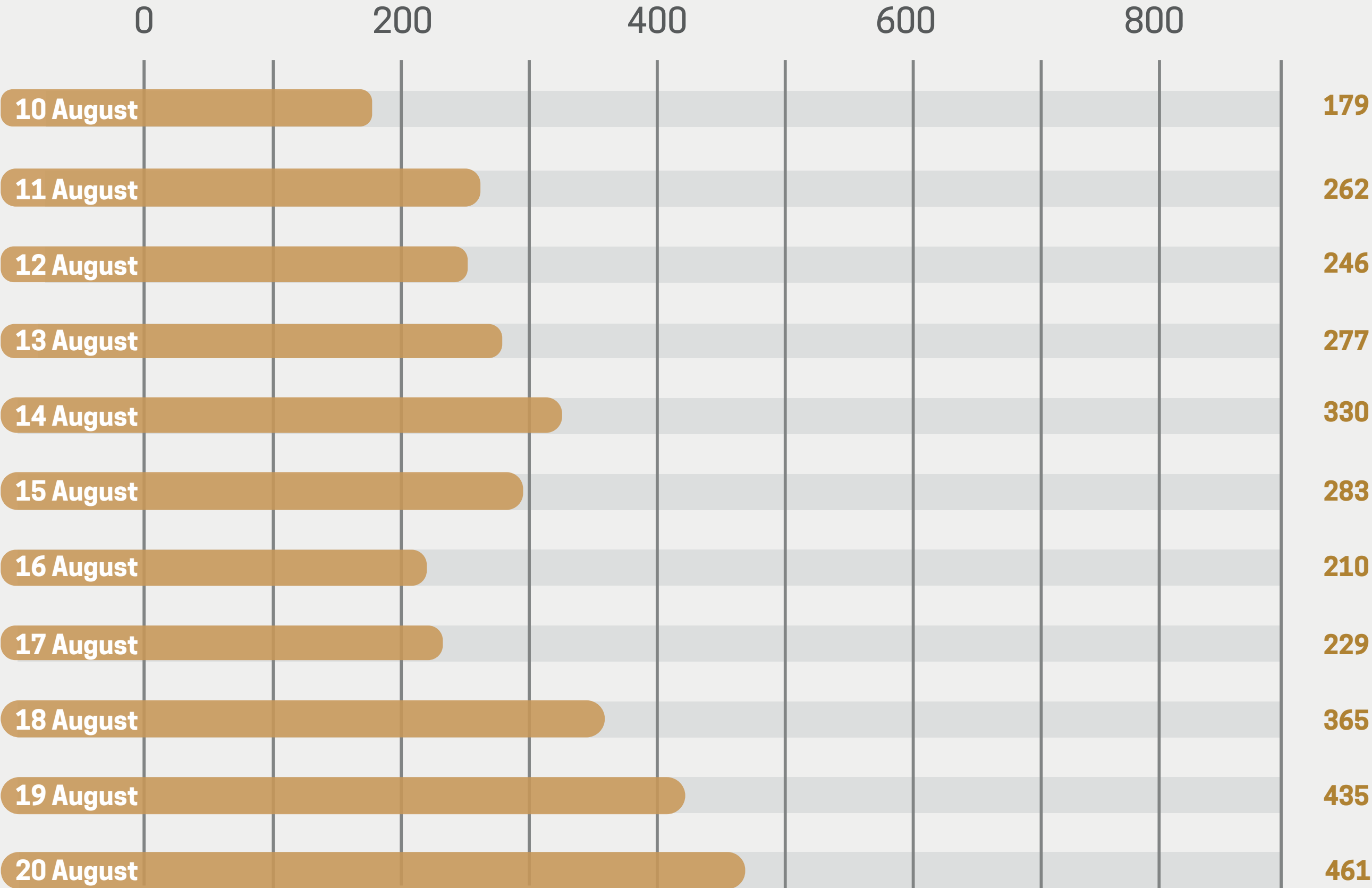
Total recoveries



369

Total deaths

# COVID-19 Diagnosed Cases



**His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum**, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai reviewed the country's 50-year economic plan that aims to achieve a qualitative leap.

The plan covers five tenets - create an integrated economy; develop entrepreneurship and SMEs; build up tourism and foreign direct investments; and double exports, as well as attract and retain talent.

**Passenger capacity on UAE airlines is now at the 40-50 percent** or over mark on average as the carriers bring back more routes to their networks. Booking enquiries have shot up after UAE said an approval from the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) will no longer be required for residents returning to the country. Plus, Dubai is seeing benefits from allowing foreign visitors from July 7 onwards.

**The UAE announced that a "strategic commercial agreement"** to cooperate on research and development related to the coronavirus pandemic, including a testing device, has been signed between the Emirati APEX National Investment company and Israel's Tera Group.

**The UAE today sent 13 metric tons of medical supplies** and testing kits to 14 Pacific Island countries, including: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Cook Islands, and Niue to assist medical professionals.

**His Highness Al Maktoum has ordered urgent humanitarian aid** to be dispatched to Sudan to support the country's efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. The relief shipments, which include 14 tonnes of medical supplies and 20 tonnes of food supplies, were dispatched from the International Humanitarian City in Dubai.

**The UAE sent tens of millions of dirhams worth of aid to Lebanon.** President Sheikh Khalifa donated 12 metric tons of protective equipment to safeguard against Covid-19. The equipment will support more than 10,000 front-line medical staff in Lebanon.



## **HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid**

**UAE VICE PRESIDENT AND RULER OF DUBAI**

"We have great confidence in the determination of the people of this nation to [not only] rise to the highest ranks and in their exceptional ability to overcome all difficult situations, but to transform them into new opportunities for success and raise the ceiling of our dreams for the future of our nation."





**HE Abdulrahman Al Owais**  
**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND PREVENTION**

"During these times, the social ties and customs that are the source of our strength may be a threat to our lives and those of our loved ones. We should be keen to protect our families and our friends and be aware that these visits may pose a great danger to them, especially the elderly and people with chronic diseases"

# Further Reading

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**Sheikh Mohammed reviews UAE's 'New Economy' gameplan**

<https://bit.ly/34dyCHH>

**UAE airlines are seeing 40-50% passenger capacity as COVID-19 strategy pays off**

<https://bit.ly/2Qnc04l>

**Coronavirus: UAE, Israeli companies sign 'strategic commercial agreement' to fight Covid-19**

<https://bit.ly/3aGeLC5>

**UAE sends medical aid to Pacific Island countries in fight against COVID-19**

<https://bit.ly/34fB5RJ>

**Mohammed bin Rashid orders urgent aid supplies for Sudan and Nigeria**

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**Covid-19 vaccine race, aid to Beirut, 242 new UAE cases**

<https://bit.ly/3hqFu84>