



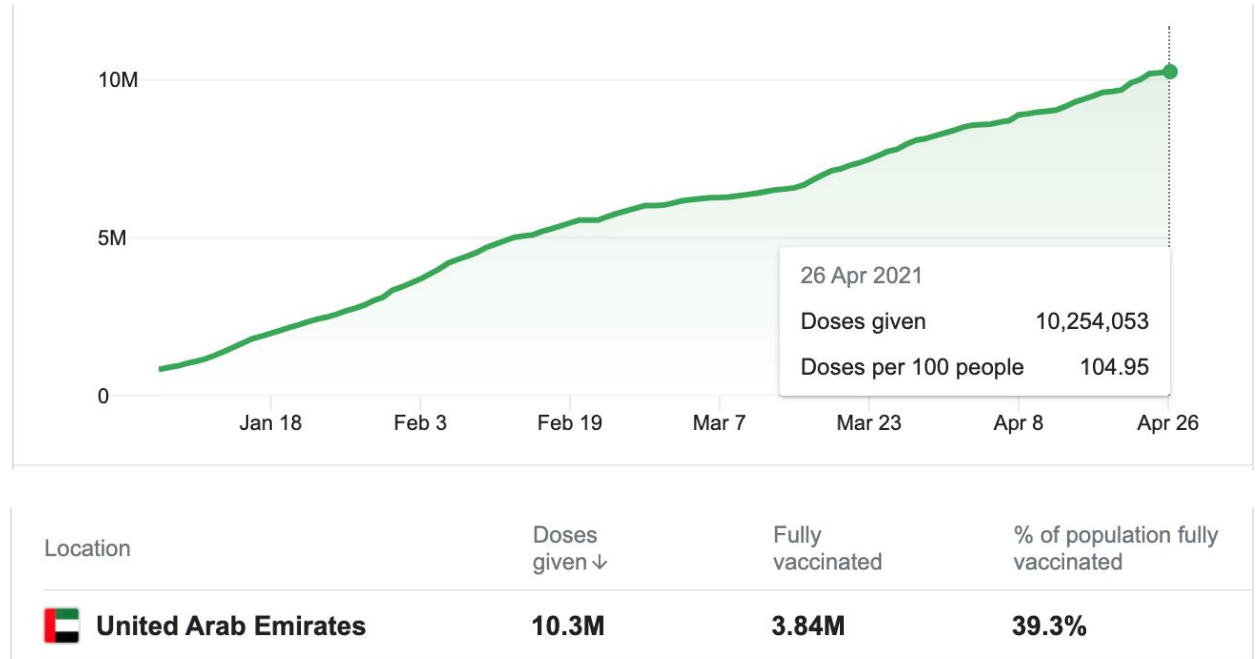
# Road To Expo Scenario & Updates

Dubai, April 2021

# News & topics from the UAE

# The UAE and Covid-19

The UAE in April exceeded 10 million vaccinations, administering over 40% of the population with two jabs. Although the new registered cases still exceed 1700 daily, no critical cases have been registered among them from several weeks.



Fonte: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>  
[https://github.com/owid/covid-19-data/blob/master/public/data/vaccinations/country\\_data/United%20Arab%20Emirates.csv](https://github.com/owid/covid-19-data/blob/master/public/data/vaccinations/country_data/United%20Arab%20Emirates.csv)

# The UAE have started to produce the vaccine

A new factory in Abu Dhabi will start manufacturing a COVID-19 vaccine from Chinese pharmaceutical giant Sinopharm later this year under a joint venture between Sinopharm and Abu Dhabi-based technology company Group 42 (G42).

The plant, which is being built in the Khalifa Industrial Zone of Abu Dhabi (KIZAD), will have a production capacity of 200 million doses a year with three filling lines and five automated packaging lines.

**Source:**

<https://gulfnews.com/photos/news/look-uae-commences-covid-19-vaccine-production-with-hayat-vax-rollout-1.1617104372330?slide=6>

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/new-abu-dhabi-plant-to-produce-covid-19-vaccine-from-chinas-sinopharm/articleshow/81743005.cms?from=mdr>



# What's next for health insurance in the Middle East post-coronavirus?

Jerome Droesch, CEO of Cigna, a health services company, in the MENA region, shared his point of view on how the health sector in the MENA area will react after the state of emergency experienced in the last year: in the UAE, while the health insurance is a mandatory requirement for all categories of citizens and residents.

The crisis that has forced individuals and organizations to take an in-depth look at their existing health insurance policy and require more comprehensive medical coverage by requiring their insurance to cover services such as diagnosis and treatment of diseases and conditions, psychiatric care, rehabilitation, therapy, emergency transport, inpatient management, maternity and dental care. This will lead the insurance sector to become more competitive and mature.

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# Ramadan started

On **April 12th** Ramadan started. During the period, it is required from muslims to **fast** and do **acts of charity** (for those who can afford it): fasting from sunrise to sunset is representative of a spiritual cleansing, an effort to draw closer to God, and an attempt to gain a better understanding of human suffering. While charity is the practice to support poor and needy people and to be closer to their communities.

At a governmental and institutional level during this month many campaigns, humanitarian and voluntary activities are carried out. Examples can be found [here](#).

On May 13th the Ramadan will end with the EID celebrations.

# ExpoPills News & Updates from Expo 2020 Dubai

# Expo 2020 ready to unite the world

The Superior Committee of Expo 2020 Dubai met on April 7 to review the latest progress made in view of the official opening of the site.

Officials updated the committee on precautionary measures to protect the health, well-being and safety of all visitors, with measures planned for development in line with the latest guidance from the UAE government and the world's leading experts in medicine, science and health. The committee also discussed Expo 2020's plan to provide vaccines to all official representatives of participating countries.

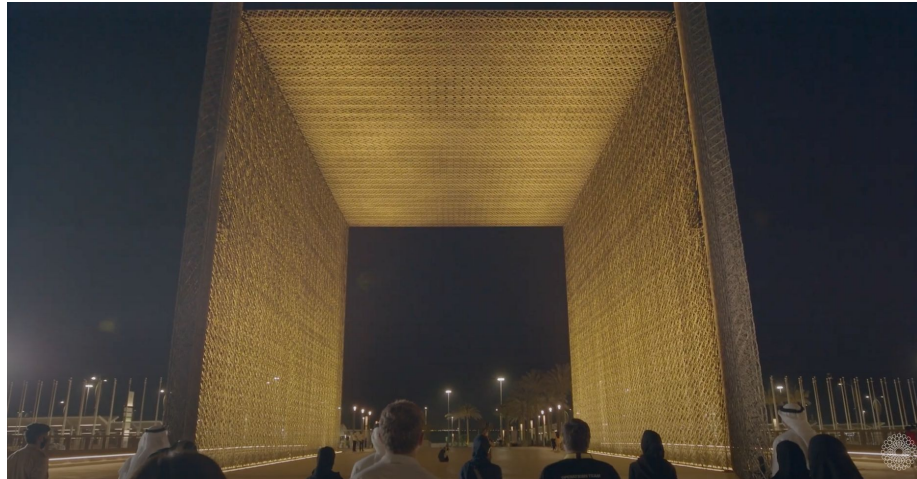
The meeting of the Higher Committee also took place in preparation for the last International Participants Meeting (IPM), which will be hosted in Dubai from 4-5 May and will see participating countries review progress and visit their pavilions on the Expo site.



# Closing the doors of Expo... for now

More than 100,000 visitors experienced **Terra – The Sustainability Pavilion**.

In fact, the doors of Expo opened at the end of January to give residents and tourists the opportunity to have a preview of the three thematic pavilions: in reality, only the pavilion dedicated to sustainability was open to the public but it was a great success.





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