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ARAB EMIRATES IN WASHINGTON D.C.



UAE Takes Action To Address Impact of COVID-19

April 8, 2020

More than 400 Emirati nationals safely returned to the UAE last week on [special charter flights](#). The flights were part of an urgent UAE Government operation that repatriated more than half of the 4,200 Emiratis in the United States.

The [flights](#) also transported UAE residents – including Americans and other nationalities – who were stranded in the US after scheduled flights were suspended.

The special Etihad Airways charter flights also carried US citizens from the UAE to Washington, DC. Through close collaboration with the US Embassy in Abu Dhabi, [the operation](#) helped 25 Americans return to the US.

UAE REPATRIATION EFFORTS

Updated 04/07/2020

Before the outbreak, there were over
4,236 UAE Nationals
in the US

INCLUDING:

-  **832 patients** in hospitals around the US
-  **1,419 escorts and caregivers**
-  **1,630 students** at US colleges and universities

Now, over **1,400** Nationals remain:

  **Over 1,100** are patients, escorts and caregivers

68% of all UAE Nationals were repatriated back to the UAE over the last 2-3 weeks

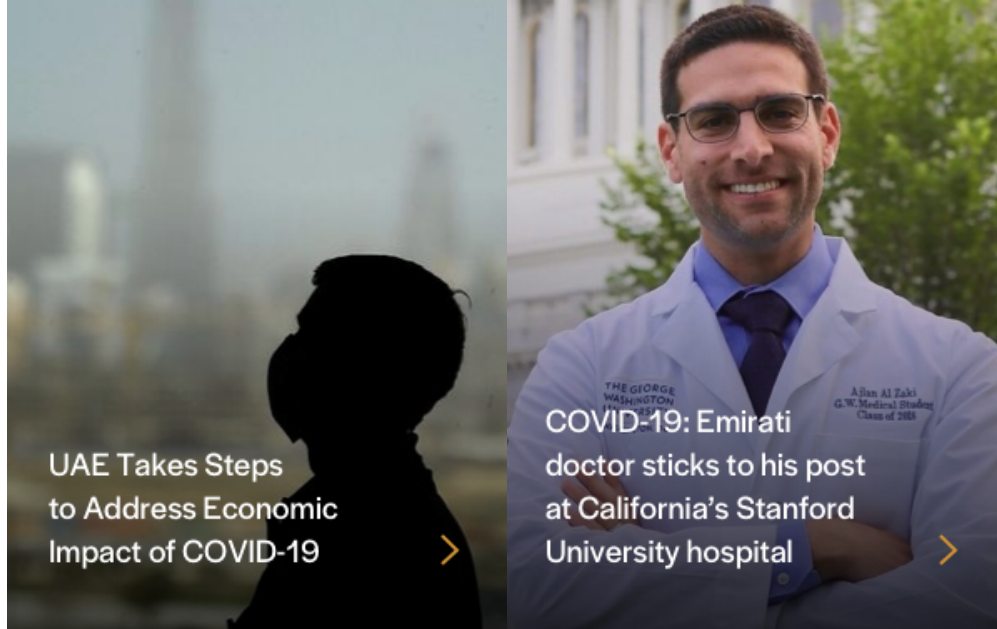
Of the **1,630** that were studying at US colleges and universities,

1,516 students have arrived home safely



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UAE health authorities are implementing extensive preventative measures to protect public health and are also helping other countries respond to COVID-19. To date, the UAE has provided approximately 130 metric tons of aid to 13 countries, supporting more than 100,000 medical professionals. More [here](#).



UAE Takes Steps
to Address Economic
Impact of COVID-19



COVID-19: Emirati
doctor sticks to his post
at California's Stanford
University hospital



Hend Al Otaiba @hend_mana

Pleased to see pregnant American teacher return home safely to UAE after government help. Thank you [@UAEEmbassyUS](#) for making this happen.

<https://thenational.ae/uae/health/pregnant-american-teacher-flown-home-to-uae-after-government-help-1.999425>



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Children's National Hospital is now offering drive-through COVID-19 testing for children and young patients in Washington, DC. Thank you [@ChildrensNatl](#) for providing this critical service to our local community.

<https://childrensnational.org/news-and-events/childrens-newsroom/2020/drive-up-collection>



Gulf Today @gulftoday

[#COVID19](#): UAE sets up COVID-19 detection lab in just 14 days
<https://bit.ly/2JuUB1e>



U.S. Central Command @CENTCOM

U.S. Marines and Sailors exchange medical practice procedures with service members of the United Arab Emirates [#UAE](#) Armed Forces during exercise [#NativeFury20](#) in the United Arab Emirates, March 10. [@1stMEF](#)



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Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba and his wife Abeer are supporting [@WCKitchen](#) and [@chefjoseandres](#) as they safely distribute fresh meals in cities across America. In this time of crisis, the UAE is proud to stand with US partners as they provide necessary support to communities in need. Visit wck.org to learn how you can help. [#ChefsForAmerica](#) [#uaeusaunited](#)



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Delighted to have hosted HE Yousef Al Otaiba, Ambassador [@UAEEmbassyUS](#), as part of our first [#EDATALKS](#) Series, to shed light on "The Role of Diplomacy During the COVID-19 Pandemic," joined by [#EDA](#)'s senior leadership, faculty and over 90 of our future diplomat trainees.



This Month In History

In April 2017, the UAE launched its national space program at the Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Center. As part of the 100-year program, the UAE will set a long-term plan to prepare UAE astronauts and set up the first human inhabited city on the Red Planet.

Last year, UAE astronaut Hazzaa AlMansoori became the first Arab to travel to the International Space Station (ISS).



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