



**United Arab Emirates:
Penalties against non-compliance with
preventive measures to combat COVID-19
(As of March 29, 2020)**

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The UAE Attorney General published a list of violations and fines on 26 March, 2020 in the form of Resolution No. 38 of 2020, which is in effect from the same date.

The resolution mandates that individuals and establishments shall adhere to the Covid-19 related preventive measures and instructions issued by the Ministry of Health and Prevention, the Ministry of Interior, and the National Emergency Crisis and Disasters Management Authority.

No.	Violation	Fine
1	• Violating an order for mandatory hospitalisation.	AED 50,000
2	• Failing to abide by home quarantine or re-testing instructions.	AED 50,000
3	• Failing to close an educational institution, movie theatre, gym, nightclub, commercial center, outdoor market, park, leisure centre, cafe, shopping mall, restaurant or the like, or receiving any visitors in any of such facilities in violation of the instructions. • Failing to adhere to measures for the opening of public parks, beaches, gyms, public swimming pools, and hotel swimming pools. • Failing to temporarily suspend sailing cruises.	AED 50,000 for whoever is in charge of the facility, closure of the facility, and a fine of AED 500 for each visitor
4	• Violating prohibitions or restrictions on gatherings, meetings, private and public celebrations, and on gathering or being present at public locations, private farms, or agricultural estates.	AED 10,000 for whoever invites or organises the same, and AED 5,000 for participants
5	• Violating measures of the Ministry of Health & Prevention regarding those coming to the UAE from countries infected by any communicable diseases.	AED 2,000
6	• Failing to take the appropriate health procedures regarding the regulation of markets, roads, and other public locations exempt from temporary closure. • Failing to implement an order for removal of any temporary structure or the disposal of goods, clothes, or other items that are believed to have been contaminated or potentially contaminated with any disease agent	AED 3,000
7	• Failing to take precautionary measures for the crew of accommodation	AED 10,000
8	• Leaving home for unnecessary reasons, or for purposes other than work or the purchase of basic needs.	AED 2,000
9	• Violating the provisions of the Implementing Regulations for the Law on the Prevention of Communicable Diseases as regards the burial or transport of the body of any person who dies from a communicable disease.	AED 3,000
10	• Exceeding the maximum permitted number of passengers in a car by more than three persons.	AED 1,000 for the vehicle's driver
11	• Failing to wear medical facemasks in closed places or failing to observe the safe distance between individuals.	AED 10,000
12	• Failing to implement sterilisation procedures in any means of public transport	AED 5,000
13	• Approaching or going to healthcare facilities in cases other than the prescribed ones.	AED 1,000
14	• Refusing to undergo a medical test upon demand.	AED 5,000

As stated above, violators will face fines of AED 500 to AED 50,000. The fine will be doubled upon repetition of the violation. If a violation is committed for a third time, the violator will be referred to the National Emergency, Crisis and Disasters Prosecution Department.

