

# UAE to launch vaccine visa for non-residents

The UAE has been on the cutting edge of protection against COVID-19 from early in the pandemic, taking extraordinary measures to protect passengers on its flights, for example, including offering pre-flight rapid testing long before other airlines or airports.

With vaccines now rolling out around the globe, UAE has another leaf in its laurel crown. According to stats released on May 18, almost 74% of those UAE residents over 16 are now vaccinated, and that number increases to over 80% of those over 60. In coming months, the entire nation of those eligible will have taken this step toward protection.

Having taken care of its own, the UAE would now like to help take care of others. To this end, this week the nation announced that it would allow Chinese tourists to acquire vaccines. This left some wondering if this would open up to other countries.

The answer has arrived, and that answer is yes, according to Muhammad Ameer Saeed, who is an official from the Ministry of Health. The UAE will reportedly soon launch a “vaccine visa,” allowing individuals from countries where obtaining the vaccine is more difficult to enter the UAE and take advantage of the smooth vaccination process in Dubai.

These individuals would be allowed to enter the UAE, receive the vaccine, and leave.