

28 September 2022

To: All ADGM Licensed Persons

REGISTRATION AUTHORITY CIRCULAR NO. (6) OF 2022: Updated COVID-19 preventative and precautionary measures for all ADGM licensed entities on Al Maryah Island.

This circular update COVID-19 health and safety preventative and precautionary requirements applicable in Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) and supersedes several previously issued Registration Authority (RA) Circulars. The requirements align with guidelines issued by Federal Authorities.

This circular applies to all ADGM licensed persons including, but not limited to, hotels, tourism establishments, shopping malls, all retail stores, cafés and restaurants, sports centres, office-based businesses, event organisers and owners, and cultural and entertainment venues, in the ADGM Financial Free Zone (Al Maryah Island).

Section 1 – The Green Pass System

1. Persons will be permitted access to the venues noted in Section 2 of this RA Circular upon presentation of a Green Pass. The following is required for a Green Pass:
 - a. A valid monthly PCR test is for vaccinated people or those exempt from the vaccine; or
 - b. A valid PCR test every seven (7) days for non-vaccinated people.
2. A person must display one of the following:
 - a. the **ALHOSN** application Green Pass;
 - b. the official Green Pass card (issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperations);
 - c. the **BeAware Bahrain** application of the Kingdom of Bahrain;
 - d. vaccinated tourists registered on **ALHOSN** application showing vaccination status in addition to all COVID-19 test results processed in the UAE; or
 - e. vaccinated tourists providing vaccination certificates from residence country on official applications and test results on mobile phones.

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Section 2 – Green Pass System venues

3. The Green Pass system will apply for entering the following:
 - a. Hotels;
 - b. Parks and recreational spaces; and
 - c. The economic sector, such as shopping centres, in addition to various events.
4. Event organisers may decide on any additional precautionary measure to be applied, according to the situation;
5. The Green Pass system is a mandatory requirement for employees to enter workplaces in federal authorities; and
6. In the education sector, measures will be implemented in line with national education protocol;

Section 3 – Face masks

7. It is mandatory to wear face masks in medical facilities, places of worship and public transportation;
8. All food service providers, and those infected or suspected cases, must also wear face masks;
9. It is optional to wear face masks in other open and closed facilities and spaces; and
10. Wearing face masks is recommended for senior citizens and residents and people with chronic diseases.

Section 4 – Mosques and Places of Worship

11. Social distancing is no longer required;
12. Wearing face masks is mandatory to protect the health of vulnerable community members; and
13. The use of personal prayer mats is required.

Section 5 – Close Contacts and Self-Isolation

14. Close contact individuals with COVID-19 symptoms should take a PCR test;
15. Close contact individuals in a vulnerable category are encouraged to undergo a PCR test and self-monitor for seven (7) days;
16. For persons who test positive, the period of self-isolation is five (5) days, whether domestic or institutional; and
17. Employers will be responsible for institutional isolation.

Section 6 – Other applicable requirements

18. Please note that certain ADGM establishments are also subject to requirements issued by Abu Dhabi local authorities. See the following RA Circulars currently in force:
 - a. RA Circular No.(35) of 2020: application of Abu Dhabi Agriculture & Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA) health and safety requirements on ADGM food establishments;
 - b. RA Circular No.(36) of 2020: application of Abu Dhabi Department of Culture & Tourism (ADDCT) health and safety requirements on ADGM hotels and tourism establishments; and
 - c. RA Circular No.(38) of 2020: health and safety requirements for ADGM licensed training and higher education providers and institutions.
19. In case of any conflict between requirements set by the Abu Dhabi local authorities mentioned in the three above RA Circulars and the requirements set out in this RA Circular, the requirements prescribed by the Abu Dhabi local authorities will prevail.
20. ADGM Licensed Persons are also reminded that employers in ADGM are required to as far as practical take all necessary steps and reasonable precautions to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of their employees. ADGM employer duties are contained in ADGM Employment Regulations 2019. See also reminder in RA Circular No.(2) of 2020.

Section 7 – Superseded RA Circulars

21. The following RA Circulars are no longer in force; No.(32) of 2020, No.(39) of 2020, No.(3) of 2021, No.(9) of 2021, No.(12) of 2021, No.(17) of 2021, No.(18) of 2021, No.(19) of 2021, No.(24) of 2021, No.(25) of 2021, No.(27) of 2021, No.(2) of 2022 and No.(3) of 2022.

The requirements set out in this RA Circular and are effective from 28 September 2022 until further notice. In case of any conflict with any previously issued RA Circular, the requirements in this RA Circular shall supersede those in the previous circular.

The RA monitors adherence with the requirements set out in this circular.

Non-compliance with these requirements may result in regulatory action including financial penalties starting from USD 800 and up to USD 10,000 and/or commercial licence cancellation.

Further Information

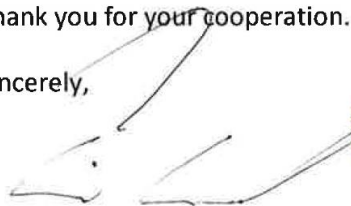
If you have any questions in relation to this circular, please contact the Monitoring & Enforcement Division of the RA by telephone on +971 (0)2 333 8888 or by email: monitoring@adgm.com.

For further information and official updates on COVID-19 from the Abu Dhabi Department of Health, please go to: <https://www.doh.gov.ae/covid-19>.

For the most recent updates on COVID-19 related ADGM Circulars and Services, please go to: <https://www.adgm.com/registration-authority/circulars>

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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