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New device to detect virus faster; booster dose urged

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ABU DHABI: The Department of Health - Abu Dhabi has approved the use of EDE scanners to detect COVID-19 infections, after studying the results of the pilot trial conducted at various locations in the emirate, including the Ghantoot entry point, select public locations on Yas Island, and entry/ exit points in the Musaffah area.

Following the Department of Health's authorisation the Abu Dhabi Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Committee has expanded the roll-out of EDE scanners from Monday (June 28, 2021).

With more than 20,000 people tested, the results showed a high degree of effectiveness in using EDE scanners to detect a positive COVID-19 infection. The results showed 90 per cent sensitivity, reflecting the accuracy of identifying infected individuals, and 89 per cent accuracy in the specificity of the test, reflecting the accuracy of identifying non-infected individuals.

The scanning system was developed by EDE Research Institute Abu Dhabi under the International Holding Company (IHC).

BOOSTER VACCINE: The UAE Health Ministry has urged everyone who have completed the six months of their second COVID-19 vaccine dose to take the booster vaccine to stop the spread of coronavirus.

ALHOSN APP IS BACK: The UAE government said on Sunday that Al Hosn App is functioning normally after a brief glitch that affected the services last week.

TRAVEL ADVICE FOR UNVACCINATED: Unvaccinated residents have been urged by the UAE authorities not to travel during this phase, as they would have a high chance of getting infected with the coronavirus.

SHARJAH LIMITS WORSHIPPERS: The Sharjah local emergency, crisis and disaster management team launched a security campaign to enhance precautionary measures in mosques and mosques located within the industrial, commercial and residential areas. The campaign is called Salamah (Safety).

The campaign, which was launched on Friday, aims to reduce the number of worshippers at mosques that have space constraints. The decision was taken after a brief study was conducted by the Sharjah Police.

UAE VIRUS CASES: The UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention conducted 266,342 new PCR tests and detected 2,122 new cases.

The ministry also revealed that 2,077 people previously infected with dreadful disease fully recovered. The authorities also said that four people died due to COVID-19 related complications.

Moscow on Sunday recorded the worst daily coronavirus death toll so far for a Russian city, as countries across the Asia-Pacific region extended or reimposed restrictions to tackle fresh waves of infections.