

Emirates operates first flight serviced by fully vaccinated frontline teams

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Emirates as one of the first airlines in the world operated a flight yesterday, February 21 with fully vaccinated frontline teams servicing customers at every touchpoint of the travel journey.

EK215, which departed Dubai for Los Angeles, was safely supported by check-in, security, Business and First Class lounge and boarding gate employees, as well as engineers, pilots and cabin crew who made the choice to be fully vaccinated. Also supporting the flight's operations were fully vaccinated aircraft appearance, loading and special handling teams from dnata, as well as SkyCargo teams working on the cargo and logistics requirements for the flight.

The Emirates Group rolled out its vaccination drive at pace just over a month ago, and since then, close to 26,000, or 44%, of the Group's UAE frontline aviation workforce have received both doses of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Sinopharm vaccines. Emirates Group's vaccination centres have been running 12 hours a day, every day of the week to prioritise and provide aviation frontliners with the vaccine.

Adel Al Redha, Chief Operating Officer, Emirates Airline said: "At the outset of the

pandemic, Emirates implemented robust safety measures to protect and prioritise the safety of our customers and employees at all stages of the travel journey, and with the rapid progress of our own vaccination programme and high rates of take-up, more of our flights will soon be operating with fully vaccinated frontline employees. We are also confident that with more people being vaccinated, combined with strong safety measures in place, we can all look forward to the easing of border entry guidelines for many countries.”

The UAE currently has one of the world’s highest rate of vaccinations for its citizens and residents as it fights to curb the spread of Covid-19. So far, the UAE has administered over 5.4 million doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, and Our World in Data, a research website based at Oxford University, recently reported that the country’s distribution rate stands at 55.27 doses per 100 people, ranking it the second highest in the world.

Emirates now operates 15 flights a week from Dhaka via Dubai provides convenient connections to over 90 cities across six continents.

[Emirates has been using smart touchless self-check-in kiosks to ensure its customers travel safely on the ground and onboard.](#)