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## Emirates SkyCargo has transported 150 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine

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Dubai: Emirates SkyCargo has played a crucial role in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines from manufacturing locations to destinations around the world, particularly to developing countries. The freight division of Emirates has flown 150 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines through Dubai.

More than 600 tonnes of COVID-19 vaccines, the equivalent of 150 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were flown to more than 80 destinations across six continents. The airline carried Six different COVID-19 vaccines.

Emirates SkyCargois considered a global leader in the air transportation of temperature-sensitive pharmaceuticals including COVID-19 vaccines. The air cargo carrier has dedicated GDP certified infrastructure at its Dubai hub for handling pharmaceuticals. Even during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the carrier flew close to 200 tonnes of pharmaceuticals every day on its flights.

In January 2020, Emirates SkyCargo joined hands with DP World, International Humanitarian City, and Dubai Airports to form the Dubai Vaccine Logistics Alliance aimed at rapidly transporting COVID-19 vaccines through Dubai to developing countries. This was shortly followed up in February 2020 with an MoU with UNICEF to expedite the transportation of COVID-19 vaccines under the **COVAX** initiative.

Under the COVAX initiative, <u>Emirates SkyCargo</u> has transported COVID 19 vaccines to Bangladesh as well.

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