



COVID-19 – THE COUNT SO FAR

In the hours that have passed, there **were nine new Covid-19 cases, so that there are 73 persons who have contracted the virus in all in the country**. The 61-year-old elderly person who was yesterday admitted to hospital with complications, has been transferred to ITU. Swabbing rates have increased substantially, and yesterday **233 tests were carried out**. The more tests that are carried out, the more chance one has to discover infected persons and control the virus's spread. The majority of Covid-19 transmission cases of today have been imported from abroad, although there are some cases of local transmission. **Thus the need to avoid crowds, not leaving our houses for no reason, and washing our hands frequently.**



THOSE WHO WENT TO BALZAN PHARMACY

After a **healthcare worker in Balzan Pharmacy tested positive for Covid-19**, health authorities are appealing for **those who went to this pharmacy on the 16th and 17th of March, to remain at home and stay there with immediate effect**. Those persons who exhibit any symptoms **should phone 111**. Health authorities have also confirmed that **there was no coronavirus case amongst bank employees in Malta, or clients who have visited the bank**.



THOSE WHO DISREGARDED QUARANTINE

Fl-aħħar 24 siegħa saru total ta' 378 spezzjoni f'Malta u 34 spezzjoni f'Għawdex. Waqt dawn l-ispezzjonijiet nstabu 8 persuni jiksru l-ligi u ġew immultati €3,000 kull wieħed. Għaldaqstant, in-numru ta' multi li nhargu mill-awtoritajiet issa tela' għal 19. Għal darb'ohra, l-appell jibqa' dejjem li **kulhadd għandu jkun responsabbli u jikkopera mad-direttivi li qed jingħataw mill-awtoritajiet.**



AND THOSE WHO DARED TO OPEN?

During more than **480 inspections carried out**, a person was found breaching **obligatory quarantine twice, and was fined €3000 each time.** In the last 24 hours, **347 inspections in Malta and 37 inspections in Gozo were carried out.** Up till now, **a total of 21 fines to those who defied obligatory quarantine were meted out.** The appeal remains for **everyone to be responsible and follow the directives rolled out by the authorities.**



PUBLIC RELIGIOUS FUNCTIONS

Our **Lady of Sorrows**, **Good Friday** and the **Easter public manifestations will not be held**. This was announced in a decree issued by the Vatican, in another measure aimed at containing the coronavirus spread. It has been recommended that those liturgical functions that can be postponed, **are held at a later date**. **The Archdiocese of Malta has already ceased religious functions in the country.**



VIRTUAL MUSEUMS

Although physically closed, **national museums and Heritage Malta sites have still opened their doors**, albeit virtually by means of the electronic website Google Arts & Culture - <https://artsandculture.google.com/>. Through collaboration with Google, Heritage Malta has put Maltese cultural sites on the same footing as renowned international museums. **One can pay a virtual visit to the Hypogeum, the Museum of Archaeology, the Domvs Romana, and the War Museum. Pay them a visit!**



HELPLINES

- 111** – For those who feel **symptoms of COVID-19** or who wish **further information**
- 2204 2200** – For Maltese residents **who were caught in one of the high-risk countries and wish to return to Malta**
- 21411 411** – For those in **mandatory quarantine** who require provisions of food and medicine
- 144** – For those who require **information** about the **financial package for industries, businesses, and the self-employed**
- 25981000** – For those who have **questions about the educational sector and the impact of the coronavirus**
- 21692447** – For **hoteliers and tourists** who have questions about the announced measures.
- 25903030** – For **elderly persons bereft of support** who need medicines, ready-made meals or food products (fruit and vegetables).
- 25469111** – For those who work in the **gaming industry**.