

RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

A further **28 persons** have recovered from Covid-19 in the country. This positive news means that till now, **a total of 44 persons** are free of this virus after they have resulted negative for the coronavirus test for two times in the space of **24 hours**. Some of the persons who tested negative for the virus will still remain in quarantine, **so that permission by the health authorities that they may go out again in society may be issued**.



NEW CASES

There were a total of **8 new cases of persons who tested positive for Covid-19**, with the total now climbing to **378 cases**. Amongst these new cases there are two elderly persons of 73 and 74 years, and two other residents of Hal Far open centre, who tested positive after 23 tests were conducted amongst the residents there. Health authorities and the Red Cross **are continuing to monitor the health situation of the residents and their medical condition day by day**. Health authorities are also continuing with their strategy to unearth new cases in the community, so as to limit the spread and isolate those who contract the virus. In the last 24 hours, **more than 1,000 tests have been conducted**. **17,057 swabs have been carried out since the outbreak of the virus**.



MALTA'S POSITION

In the past hours, the **Government of Malta** was involved in meetings with **Libya, Germany, Italy, Spain, and France**, where it **formally presented its position on immigration**. A decision that is not borne out of racial sentiment, but from the **necessity to focus all the country's resources against Covid-19**. Spain and Italy closed their ports a **few days before the Maltese decision was taken**. During these talks, the notable challenges the virus is posing on **Malta** have been laid out, especially with regards to the **health sector and law enforcement**. It was said that **the European Union needs to ensure that people traffickers do not take advantage of the instable situation in Libya, and not to let them continue with their business of sending more people to Malta**.



INSPECTIONS

104 persons were each fined €100 during the continuous rounds Police are conducting to ensure there are no gatherings involving more than 3 persons in public places, as per the legal notice issued by Government. On Easter Day, **no one was found breaching obligatory quarantine during any of the 230 inspections that were carried out in the last 24 hours**. The appeal remains for **everyone to be responsible and co-operate with the directives that are being laid out by the authorities**. Yesterday, during inspections on establishments, a **snack bar in Hamrun was caught open serving clients in breach of regulations and was fined €3000**. Similar abuses are to be reported on **21692447**.



ELDERLY PERSONS CHEERED UP BY THE POLICE

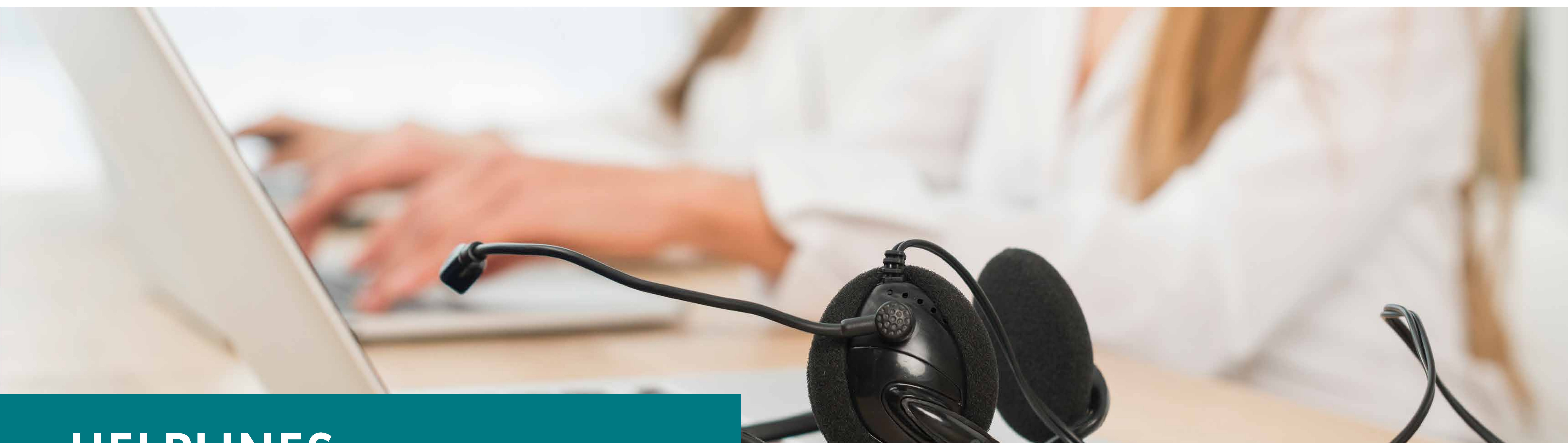
Easter Day was celebrated by a **gesture of love** by the Police Corps towards residents of elderly persons' homes, who have been staying inside for several weeks as one of the measures intended to spare the vulnerable from Covid-19. The police band visited elderly persons' homes in Fgura, Bormla, Mosta, Hal Balzan, and Naxxar, where several popular medleys were played to boost the morale of elderly persons, who are also doing their part to limit Covid-19.



TELEHEALTH PHYSIO

MOVEMENT CLASSES

Elderly and vulnerable persons who are remaining home on the advice of the Health authorities **now have another means at their disposition to carry out exercise in their own homes.** Telehealth Physio is a 20-minute programme that is being broadcast everyday between 10am and 4.30pm on TVM2 that is aimed to diminish the physical deterioration of elderly and vulnerable persons who are at home. These exercises are intended to improve muscle health, mobility, and equilibrium, so that elderly and vulnerable persons **may continue where they left off once everything returns back to normal.**



HELPLINES

- 111** – For those who **experience symptoms of COVID-19** or those who require further **information**
- 21411 411** – For those in **mandatory quarantine** who require food and medical provisions
- 2294 4511/2294 4504** – To report **breaches of regulations** regarding public health and Covid-19 to the Police
- 1770** – Helpline for **emotional support and mental wellbeing**
- 1772** – For those who are **feeling lonely**
- 2545 1111** – For **Mater Dei, Boffa Hospital**, and **Sir Anthony Mamo** healthcare workers
- 2364 5002** – For **Primary Health Care, Gozo General Hospital**, and **Mount Carmel** employees
- 1575** – For employees to ask about wages and employment conditions
- 1576** – For employers to ask about wages and employment conditions
- 153** – For those who require **information** about the measures of the **financial package** which are administered by the **Department of Social Security**
- 144** – For those who require **information** about the measures of the **financial package** which are administered by **Malta Enterprise**
- 2204 2200** – For Maltese residents who are **stranded in another country and wish to return to Malta**
- 2598 1000** – For those who have **queries about the educational sector**
- 2169 2447** – For **hoteliers and tourists** who have queries about the announced measures
- 2590 3030** – For elderly **people without means of assistance** who require medicine, ready meals, or food products (fruit and vegetables)
- 2546 9111** – For those who work in the gaming industry.