



## NEW CASES

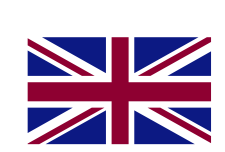
In the last 24 hours, there were **19 new cases of Covid-19 after 627 tests were conducted**. As expected by the health authorities, 14 were cases of local transmission. 5 were related to foreign travel. The total number of people who have tested positive for the virus is now **188**. All those who tested positive for the virus are **in a good state of health apart from two who remain in the ITU, with one of them in a critical state**. The strategy remains that for the number of Covid-19 patients to increase gradually rather than suddenly so that the health system can keep up with and cure everyone. The appeal remains that those **who feel symptoms of fever, coughing, a loss in their sense of smell and taste, or shortness of breath, should call 111**. It is important that until one receives the result of the swab test, **one remains at home and does not go out**.



## CLOSED AS A PRECAUTION

The LIDL supermarket in Safi has been temporarily closed until it is disinfected after **one of its workers tested positive for Covid-19**. The shop was **closed immediately in order for the cleaning to start** as per the guidelines given to the management, **which cooperated fully with the measures given**. The health authorities stated that **contact between the worker and clients was minimal** and even though the risk of the clients contracting the virus is minimal, the health authorities appealed to **all those who went to this establishment between 26 and 30 March**, and who have any coughing, shortness of breath, fever, or a loss in their sense of smell and taste, to **call 111**. The shop will open again **after approval from the health authorities**.





## EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

The **Department of Industrial and Employment Relations** is the regulator ensuring that wages and employment conditions **are being observed and that there are no abuses**. The Department needs to grant permission to those companies who, for some reason or other, cannot maintain the wage and normal conditions of their workers.

**Two helplines have been launched** in order to obtain information about work conditions, quarantine leave, payment rates, reduced work hours, unpaid leave, forced leave, and collective redundancies. **Employees may call on 1575** while **employers may call on 1576**, or via email on [info.dier@gov.mt](mailto:info.dier@gov.mt)



## INSPECTIONS

**13 persons were fined €100 each during the patrols** that the Police are doing in order to ensure that there are no groups of more than 3 people in public places as per the legal notice issued by the government.

**Meanwhile six persons were found breaching mandatory quarantine during the 521 inspections carried out** by the police together with the Department of Health and the Civil Protection Department. The six persons were fined €3,000 each. Since inspections started, **55 fines for breaches of mandatory quarantine were issued**. The appeal remains that **everyone should be responsible and cooperate with the directives being issued by the authorities**.





## ESTABLISHMENTS REMAIN CLOSED

No food or drinking establishment was found to have broken the regulations for their continued closure in order to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. In the last 24 hours, **745 inspections were carried out in Malta and another 170 in Gozo by MTA officials**. Since inspections started, **11,000 have been carried out**. There is a €3,000 fine each time an establishment is found open. The appeal remains for cooperation from the public **so as not to congregate in groups outside take-aways and deliveries and to keep a 2 metre distance between one person and the next**. One may report abuses on **21692447**.



## PRIVATE RENTS

Since there are a number of landlords who are reducing their tenants' rent during this difficult time in connection with Covid-19, the **Housing Authority has announced that it does not need to be informed about temporary arrangements for the reduction of rent rates in connection with the present situation**. Despite this, the Housing Authority **must still be immediately informed should there be a termination of the rent**. The registration of rent contracts may be done on **rentregistration.mt**. Fees for late contracts will not apply, while an **adjusted rent benefit is being given to families who have ended up jobless because of Covid-19**.





## HELPLINES

- 111** – For those who feel **symptoms of COVID-19** or who wish **further information**
- 21411 411** – For those in **mandatory quarantine** who require provisions of food and medicine
- 1772** – For those who are **feeling lonely**.
- 22944511/22944504** – To report **breaches of regulations** regarding public health and Covid-19 to the Police.
- 153** – For those who require **information** about the **financial measures** administered by the **Department for Social Security**.
- 144** – For those who require **information** about the **financial measures** administered by **Malta Enterprise**.
- 2204 2200** – For Maltese residents **who were caught in one of the high-risk countries and wish to return to Malta**
- 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**.