

TRUST AND SOLIDARITY

So far, **62,766 jobs have been saved by the government's strong financial package to help companies** hit by the economic consequences of Covid-19. **52,703 are full-time workers and more than 10,000 are part-timers.** As from next week, these will start to be given the payment due to them with retroactive effect from 9 March. For full-timers the supplement is €800 whereas for part-timers it is €500. **So far there have been 9,474 applications from the self-employed and 2,877 from companies to benefit from the Covid-19 wage supplement.** This investment in workers' wages in the months of March and April **amounts to one hundred million euros.**



ANOTHER DEATH

Another elderly person, a 79-year-old man, became the second Covid-19 victim in this country only a few hours after the death of a 92-year-old Gozitan who also had the virus. The elderly person **was being treated at Karen Grech Hospital and, like yesterday's victim, already had several serious health complications prior to being infected with the virus.** When he was admitted to hospital **he already had a fever and after being tested he was found positive.** The Government passed on **its condolences to the family.** We are **no different to any other country.** As such, it is of absolute importance that the populace, particularly the elderly and vulnerable persons, **follow to the letter the advice given by the health authorities.** We have to pull the same rope to take care of each other. On the eve of the Easter weekend **we should ensure that we leave our homes only for urgent needs.**



MORE RECOVERIES AND NEW CASES

Another 11 persons recovered from Covid-19 so that now the total number of those who recovered is 16. Those who recovered from the virus will remain in quarantine as a precaution for another fifteen days. There were 38 new patients who tested positive for Covid-19 from the 1,018 tests conducted in the last 24 hours. The ages of the new patients vary from 4 to 69. There are also two pregnant women, two children, and an elderly Gozitan who already had underlying health conditions. The new cases were all ones of local transmission. This means that, so far, 337 persons have tested positive for the virus.



BE YOUR OWN DOCTOR

Clients who frequented the Piscopo Cash & Carry establishment in Paola from 6 April onwards should be serve as their own doctors and, should they have a fever or other symptoms, call 111, this after a worker at the establishment tested positive for Covid-19. The health authorities are in contact with the establishment with regard to the disinfection of the place. Another establishment which was closed and disinfected as a precaution is Scan Malta where two workers tested positive for the virus. The supermarket Valyou and part of the Playmobil factory was also disinfected after cases of Covid-19 were found among the workers.



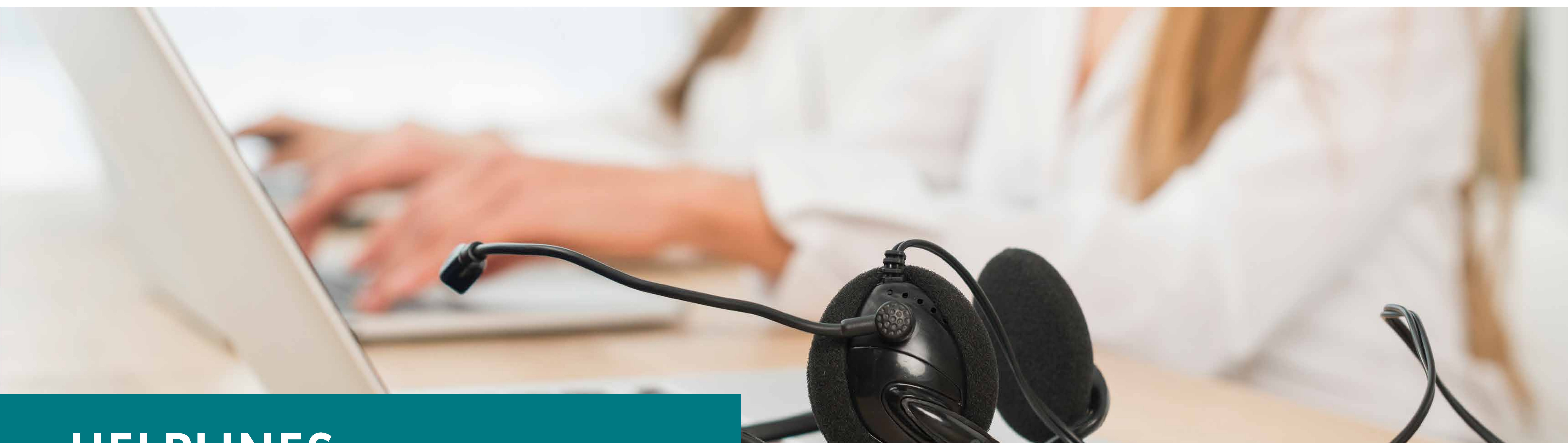
VISITS AT MATER DEI

For now visits to patients at Mater Dei have been suspended. This preventive and control measure was taken to safeguard patients and workers at the hospital because of the spread of Covid-19. The exception will be for children recovering at the hospital or in extraordinary circumstances. In these cases, hospital staff will be informing the relatives in question. Even though this measure will be difficult for patients and their loved ones, **everyone must recognise that this is an essential measure taken in everyone's interest**. This measure **had already been introduced** at St Vincent de Paul and at state homes for the elderly. Even the Gozo General Hospital will, as from tomorrow, suspend visits to patients as a precautionary and control measure because of Covid-19. From Monday 13 April, outpatient and clinic services will be transferred to the Barts Medical School.



INSPECTIONS

38 persons were fined €100 each during the continuous patrols that the Police are doing to ensure that there are no groups of more than 3 individuals gathered in public places as per the legal notice issued by the government. In fact, **no one was found breaking the obligatory quarantine during the 517 inspections carried out in the last 24 hours**. While tomorrow is a public holiday, **the appeal remains that everyone should remain responsible and cooperate with the directives being issued by the authorities**. In the meantime **a snack bar at San Pawl il-Baħar was found open serving clients and was fined €3,000 for breaking the regulations** ordaining its closure in order to reduce the spread of Covid-19. In all, **1,950 inspections were carried out in the Maltese islands**. One may report abuses on **21692447**.



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** – For those who need **mental help**
- 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.