



COVID-19: CASES

17 more patients were found to be positive for Covid-19 from **304 tests conducted in the past few hours**, so that the total tally of persons positive for the virus has risen to **107**. The patients are all in a good state of health, among whom is an elderly person of 61 years who was admitted to the ITU because of complications arising from pneumonia. 10 of the 17 new cases are of people who were either abroad or who had contact with people who were abroad. Cases of local transmission within the community are also increasing. **So far, 2,106 tests within the community have been carried out as well as another 993 tests at the Mater Dei entrance.**



PULLING THE SAME ROPE

Everyone must continue doing their part so that the virus does not spread. Elderly people should remain at home; we should not leave our homes needlessly; we should not mingle in places where there are a lot of people and we should wash our hands frequently. When possible, we should work from home in agreement with the employer. Restaurants and establishments are to remain closed. **Above all, those in quarantine must remain in quarantine.** It is not right that the irresponsible behaviour of the few renders for naught the sterling work being done everyday by the health authorities to reduce the spread. **Our behaviour is the biggest weapon against the spread. Everyone must play their part.**



FINES FOR THOSE BREAKING ISOLATION ORDERS

A fine of €10,000 is applicable every time a person with Covid-19 is caught not in their residence by police carrying out inspections. Persons who have the Covid-19 virus, and who do not need to be admitted to hospital, are required to stay in isolation (self-isolation) under medical observation. Till now, there has been a fine of €3,000 for every person under quarantine who did not observe this obligation. Through a new legal notice, which will be published, a new fine of €10,000 will be introduced for persons testing positive for the coronavirus who do not respect isolation obligations. **Responsibility is necessary in order for our country to fight the spread of Covid-19.**



QUARANTINE ENFORCEMENT

One person was caught by the police not observing mandatory quarantine during the 303 inspections carried out in Malta and the 28 inspections carried out in Gozo. The inspections are being carried out by officials from the health authorities and the Civil Protection Department. **The appeal always remains that everyone should be responsible and cooperate with the directives that are being issued by the authorities.**



SHOPS CLOSED AS FROM TODAY

On the orders of the Superintendent of Public Health, as from **today at 8am**, shops whose primary business is that of clothing, sportswear, jewellery, handbags and leather products, costume jewellery and accessories, shoes, non-prescription glasses, perfumes, beauty products, drapery, curtains and upholstery, domestic appliances, souvenirs, discount shops, luggage shops, toy shops, hobby shops, furniture shops, plants/flowers and vaping shops, have remained closed. Hairdressers, barbers, beauty shops, spas, nail technicians, and tattoo parlours **were also prohibited from opening**.



INSPECTIONS ON ESTABLISHMENTS

Food and drinking establishments, cinemas, and others **kept observing the measures introduced to keep them closed in order to prevent the further spread of the coronavirus**. Yesterday, **over a thousand inspections were carried out in Malta and Gozo, but no establishment was caught being open for business**. So far, around **3,400 inspections have been carried out**. You can report abuses by calling **21692447** or via email on **tourismcovid-19helpline@visitmalta.com**. Takeaways and deliveries are **exempted from these measures**.



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**.