

A FIGURE WE WERE EXPECTING

In the last 24 hours **there were 52 positive cases, 48 in Malta and 4 in Gozo**. This means that there are now **293 Covid-19-positive cases in our country**. The 52 persons have been isolated and contact tracing is being done so that all those who had contact with them are tested and placed under quarantine. The health authorities **have not been taken by surprise by today's figure**. In the modelling being done, a 300-sum figure was predicted to have been reached last week. The fact that this development happened a few days later **means that the measures introduced, in accordance with scientific evidence, are being observed properly by the people**. The appeal remains that **everyone should remain disciplined in their observance of the measures introduced** with the aim that the situation remains under control and the health services in a position to keep up with the demand. **Success depends on each and everyone of us**.



DETAILS OF THE NEW CASES

The 27 men and 25 women who tested positive for coronavirus, **all the result of local transmission, were discovered after a record 825 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours**. The aim is that testing **will increase to a 1,000 per day in our country**. The more tests are conducted by the health authorities, the more persons with virus can be found in order to be isolated and to reduce the spread of the virus. **In fact, none of today's 52 cases were related to the Hal Far open centre**. This **does not mean that there will be no more positive cases from this centre**. Indeed, the **risk analysis conducted has shown that we may have more residents testing positive and it was for this reason that the centre was placed under quarantine**.



NEW SERVICES

New and more intense tests are being conducted on frontline workers in the fight against Covid-19 in order to ensure that both they and their relatives are further protected. Two new helplines have been launched so those who have not been informed may take the test, and these may call in order to have their swabs taken. Healthcare workers who work at Mater Dei, Boffa Hospital, and Sir Anthony Mamo **can call on 2545 1111**. Workers in Primary Health Care, the Gozo General Hospital, and Mount Carmel Hospital **should call 2364 5002**. The **helpline 1770** was also launched for those needing mental help, and as from next Thursday it will operate 24 hours a day.



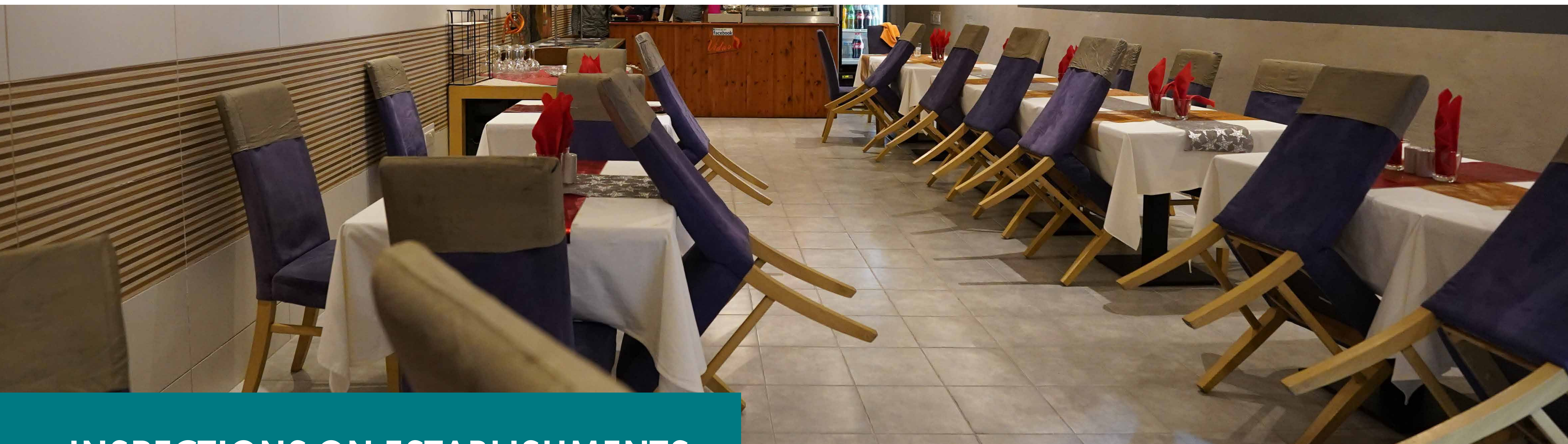
RETURN BACK

Maltese who are abroad are encouraged to return to Malta by not later than Sunday 12 April. There will be specially designated flights from Heathrow, London and Frankfurt, Germany. Those who remain abroad after 12 April must take the responsibility for the risk taken and there is no guarantee of repatriation after that date. Maltese who are abroad may use any available commercial flight. They are to send their flight itinerary and a copy of their passport to sitcen.fea@gov.mt in order to reserve their repatriation flight from Heathrow or Frankfurt. This also applies to foreign citizens who have a valid resident permit in Malta. These are to send their flight details, passport copy, and residence card to sitcen.mfea@gov.mt. Those who cannot travel because of lockdowns should inform sitcen.mfea@gov.mt or call on 00356 2204 2200.



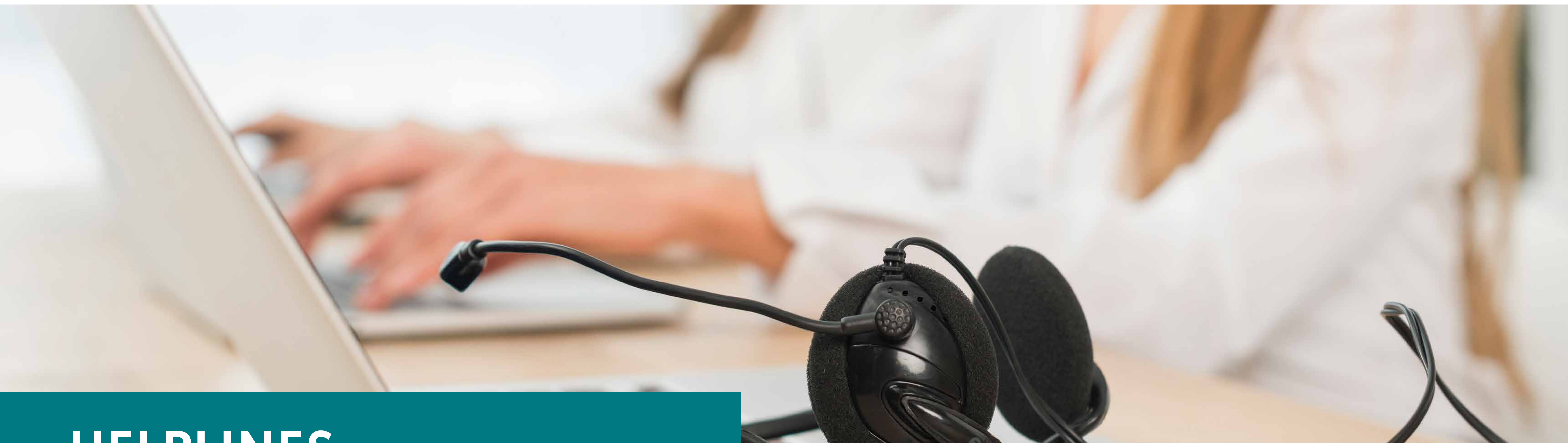
INSPECTIONS ON THOSE UNDER QUARANTINE

8 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, **for the fifth day running, no one was found breaking the mandatory quarantine during the 496 inspections carried out in the last 24 hours.** The appeal remains that **everyone should remain responsible and cooperate with the directives being given by the authorities.**



INSPECTIONS ON ESTABLISHMENTS

No food or drinking establishment was found open breaking the regulations imposed upon them to reduce the spread of Covid-19 **during the 1,300 inspections carried by MTA officials in the last 24 hours.** Food and drinking establishments found open for clients will be fined €3,000 each every time they are found open. The appeal remains that the **public should not congregate in public in front of take-aways and deliveries but keep a distance between a person and another.** One can 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

1772 – For those who are **feeling lonely**

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.