



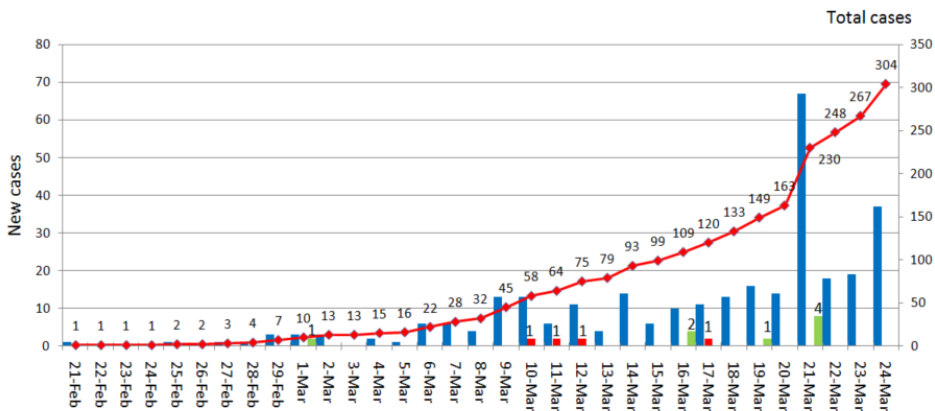
Lebanon National Operations Room Daily Report on COVID-19 March 24, 2020

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Cases per day



304

Total number of cases since Feb. 21

37

New cases recorded on March 24

4

Patients in critical condition

4

Total deaths

8

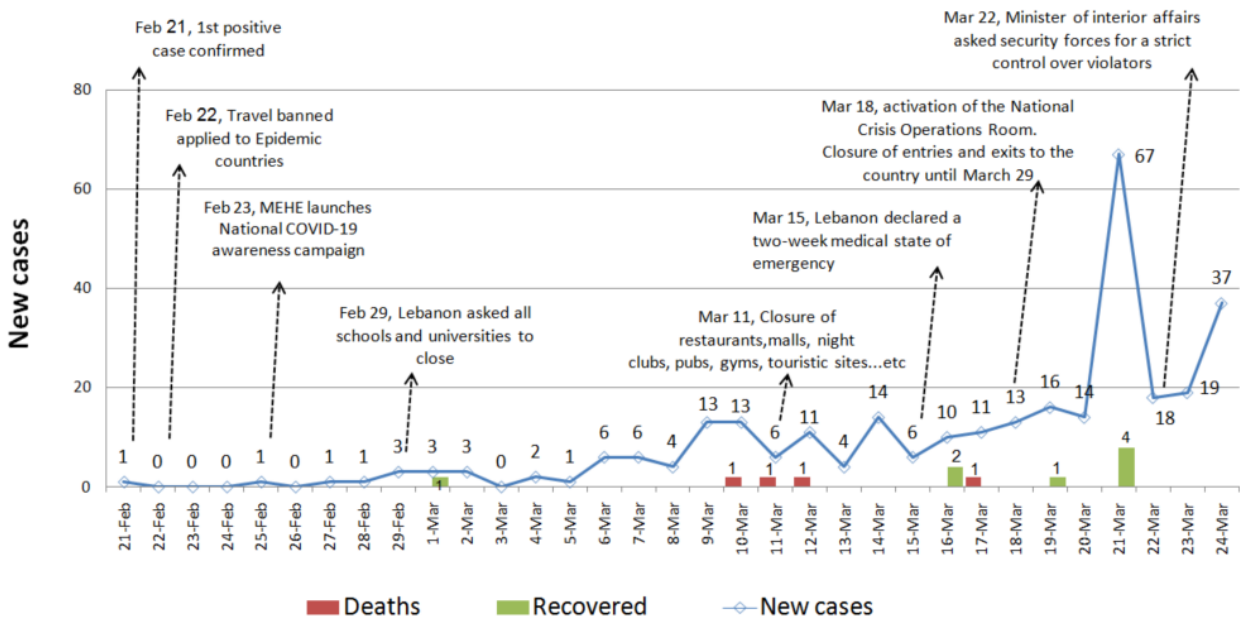
Number of cured patients

5285

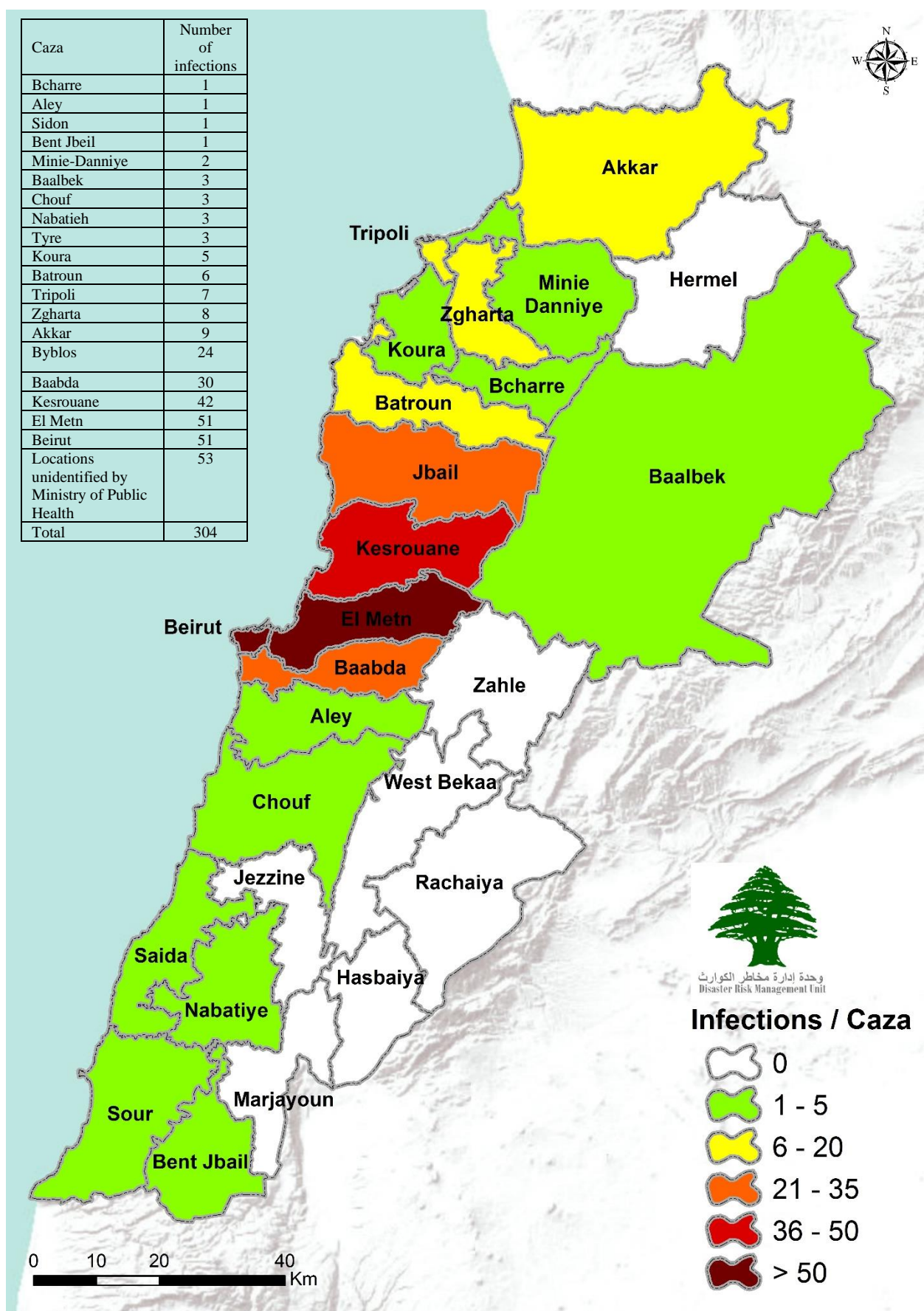
Total Coronavirus tests conducted between Feb. 21 and March 24

Source: Ministry of Public Health

Trend of cases vis-à-vis precautionary measures introduced by Government



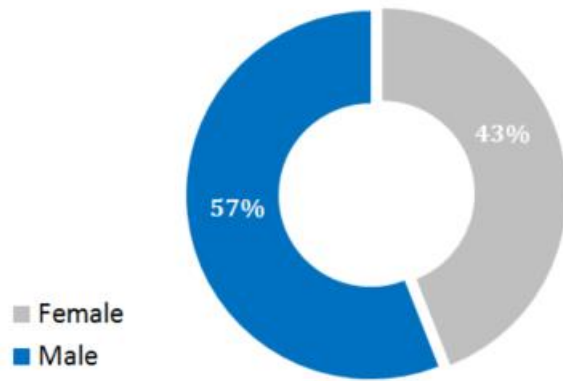
Number of Cases by Location



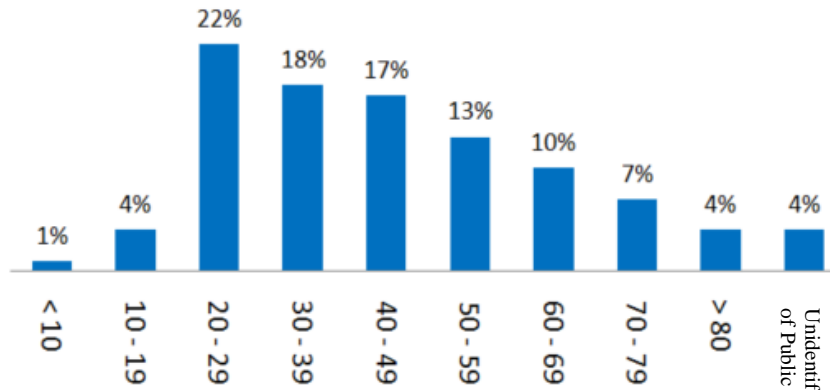
Cases by Gender

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Distribution of cases by gender



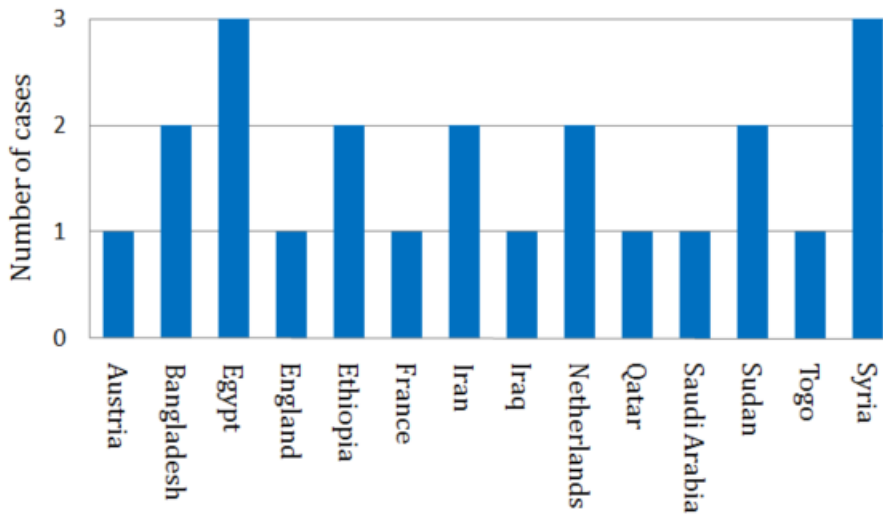
Distribution of cases by age (%)



Undertaken by the Ministry of Public Health

Distribution of cases by nationality

Lebanese : 281 cases out of 304 (93%)



Total Artificial Respirators in Public and Private Hospitals

	Public Hospitals	Private Hospitals	Total
Children	42	237	279
Adults	123	783	906
Total	165	1020	1185

Existing Available Beds in Emergency Units and ICUs (both in Public and Private Hospitals)

	Private Hospitals	Public Hospitals	Total
Number of beds in emergency units	878	215	1093
Number of beds in ICU	1972	336	2308
Total number of beds (of all kinds)	12749	2446	15195

Level of Preparedness of Public and Private Hospitals



Status of Private Hospitals (AUBMC, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Jbeil Maounat Hospital)
 Green: Ready
 Yellow: District



Status of Public Hospitals
 Green: Ready
 Red: Not Ready
 Yellow: District
 Blue: Will be ready in a week

Public hospitals ready: RHUH
 Public hospitals in the process of becoming ready: as Al Hrawi Hospital, Fattouh hospital, Nabatieh Governmental Hospital, Halba Governmental Hospital, Bsharah Governmental Hospital, Tripoli Governmental hospital, Saïda Governmental Hospital, Hermel Governmental Hospital, Baalbek Governmental Hospital, bint Jbeil Governmental Hospital, Mashghara Governmental Hospital.

Laboratories Allowed to Conduct COVID-19 Tests (Ministry of Public Health)

Name of Laboratory	Location
Rafic Hariri University Hospital	Beirut
AUB	Beirut
Merieux / USJ	Beirut
Saint Georges Roum	Wata A'mara Shalhoub
Rizk LAU	Beirut

Objectives of the National Operations Room

The National Operations Room works on coordinating efforts in order to accomplish the following goals:

First Objective: Control the spread of the virus through the application of precautionary measures, minimize direct contact among people, and increase awareness of the population and access to information.

Second Objective: Ensure the continuity of services at the national level and adopt and encourage remote working.

Third Objective: Increase health sector capacity by continuously assessing available resources, gaps and look for funding and technical assistance to build up capacities and case management.

Measures Introduced in Dealing with the Pandemic of COVID-19

Ministry of Public Health:

-Issued a [daily report](#) on new cases and the status of existing cases in government and private hospitals.

Lebanese Red Cross:

-327 new suspected cases were transferred to hospitals (24 new cases)

- 482 trained paramedics (35 new)

-520 volunteers

-24 trained ambulance centers

Details on the Lebanese Red Cross' [official website](#)

Security services (Internal Security Forces, General Security, State Security, Army):

-The Lebanese army and other security services implemented strict measures on all Lebanese territory to ensure Public Mobilization.

-The army closed 177 shops, dispersed 30 public gatherings in different regions, and sent warnings to 6 municipalities to abide by public mobilization. Tripoli's vegetable market was shut down and

Two entrances to Nahr El-Bared camp were closed.

-ISF tracked potential cases in various Lebanese regions and ensured that they're adhering to the terms of home isolation

-ISF issued on Tuesday between 6 am and noon, 373 written warnings to institutions and individuals that violated the [decisions of the Council of Ministers](#).

-Ensured that supermarket prices were not altered and closed 15 stores and cafes.

- The General Directorate of Civil Defense were present in 63 different municipalities to make sure that the temperature of those entering and exiting the area is safe.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

- The Lebanese communities abroad expressed willingness to assist their country.

- Daily communication on all procedures, measures and issued decisions is occurring with the Lebanese embassies and foreign missions.

-Issued decision 1543/5, which requests from the Lebanese diplomatic and consulate missions to follow up on the situation of the Lebanese abroad.

-Circulating bank account numbers to receive financial assistance and the address of the High Relief Commission to receive other kinds of assistance (decision 1381/5).

Ministry of Education and Higher Education:

- The ministry is currently evaluating how it should pay teachers and others, given their hours of work even when schools are closed (i.e. teachers are preparing online courses; some workers are taking care of the school hygiene...).

-The ministry will launch it's broadcasting learning experience on Tele Liban tomorrow Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at eleven o'clock.

Ministry of Public Works and Transport:

- A Finnish military plane will land at the Rafiq Hariri International Airport at 11:25 pm and will depart March 25, 2020 at 12:40 am. No passenger leave the plane upon its arrival.

- A Turkish cargo plane landed at 6 pm and is expected to depart at 9:45 pm.

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- A Qatar cargo plane lands at 8:25 pm and is expected to take off at 9:55 pm.
- Beirut Port: Four ships loaded with cars, and containers entered the country and one exited.
- Port of Tripoli: One ship loaded with iron entered the country and two ships exited.
- Sidon Port: Two ships loaded with iron entered the country.
- Jiyeh port: Two ships loaded with fuel and GAZOLINE entered the country and one empty ship exited.
- Zahrani port: Two ships loaded with fuel gas and GAZOLINE entered the country.

Ministry of Interior and Municipalities:

-Issued circular No. 5236 to inform municipalities of the importance of facilitating the distribution of hydrocarbons and other fuel used for electric generators based on what was the decision of the Ministry of Energy and Water, in order to secure citizens' access to electricity.

Ministry of Energy and Water:

- The Ministry of Energy and Water issued Circular No. 2/2020 on March 23, 2020 extending all contractual deadlines until the end of the state of health emergency.

-Issued decision No. 629 on March 23, 2020 related to ensure the continuity of providing basic services to citizens.

Ministry of Agriculture:

- Following the field inspection carried out by the agricultural center in Marjeyoun and the Animal Wealth Department in Nabatieh and with the support of municipal police, the poultry farmer's farm that was afflicted with corona was confirmed to be isolated. The ministry noted that chickens, like all bird species, cannot be infected with Corona disease.

The Ministry of Industry:

- Issued circular no. 150 to the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities asking for the minimization of industrial production processes in light of the health and economic crisis and to ensure public security.

Actions Taken at the Governorate and Municipal Level

Governorate	Total number of individuals in home isolation	level of commitment to circulars by governorates
		General Percentage
North	73	100%
Akkar	251	90%
Baalbek-Hermel	20	92%
Bekaa	38	90%
Mount Lebanon	157	90%
South	132	90%
Nabatieh	102	90%

Governorate	Level of commitment to the decision to close all businesses	Sectors violating closer decision
North	85%	Public centers
Akkar	90%	Shopping centers and stores
Baalbek-Hermel	92%	Telephone stores and car rental
Bekaa	95%	Street vendors
Mount Lebanon	90%	Shopping centers
South	90%	Private businesses

Nabatieh	95%	Public gatherings
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General Directions and Recommendations

- Implement the decisions issued by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers at the level of public and private institutions and municipalities.
- Stay at home and don't go out unless it is necessary.
- Frequently wash hands and follow all safety measures set by the Ministry of Public Health.
- Avoid crowded places and social contact and commit to a safe distance between individuals.
- Seek medical care if you feel fever, cough and difficulty of breathes. Call the Ministry of Public Health hotline 1214 or 76/292699

Risks that Might Result in the Rapid Spread of the Virus

- Lack of adherence to the medical advisories.
- Disrespecting to compulsory home quarantine.
- The spread of the virus in crowded places.
- Allowing gatherings to take place