



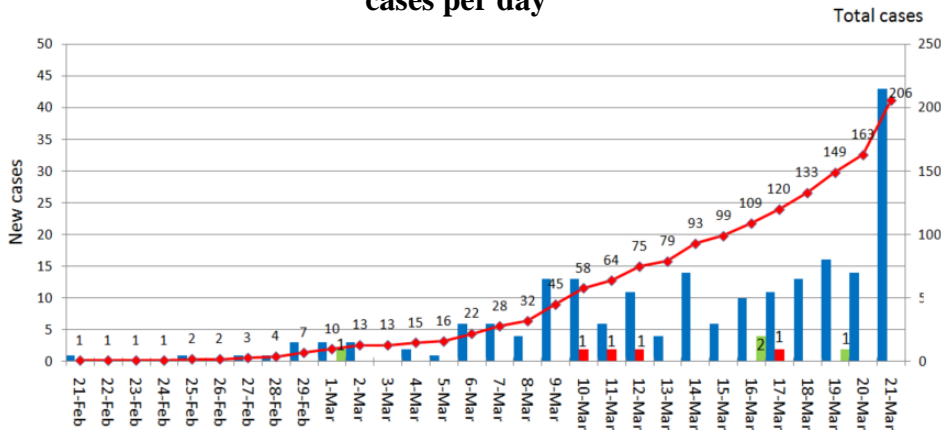
## Lebanon's National Operations Room Daily Report on COVID-19 March 21, 2020

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

**Report #3**

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### Increase in recorded COVID-19 cases per day



206

Number of recorded cases since Feb. 21

43

Cases recorded on March 21

4

Cases in a critical condition

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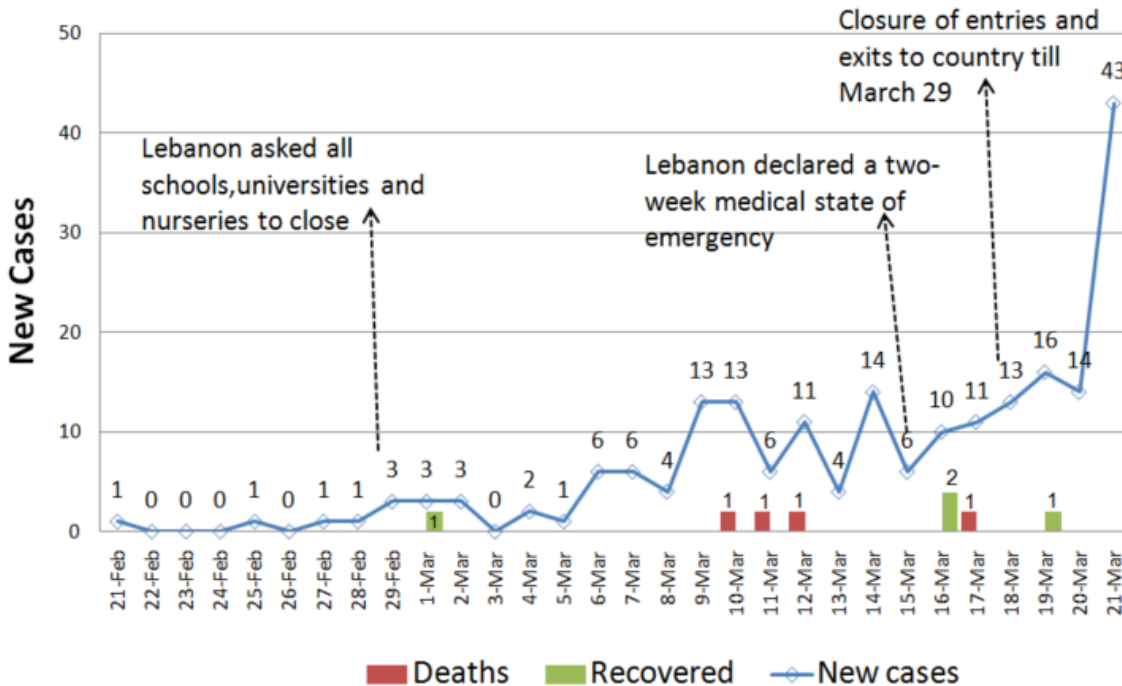
Total deaths

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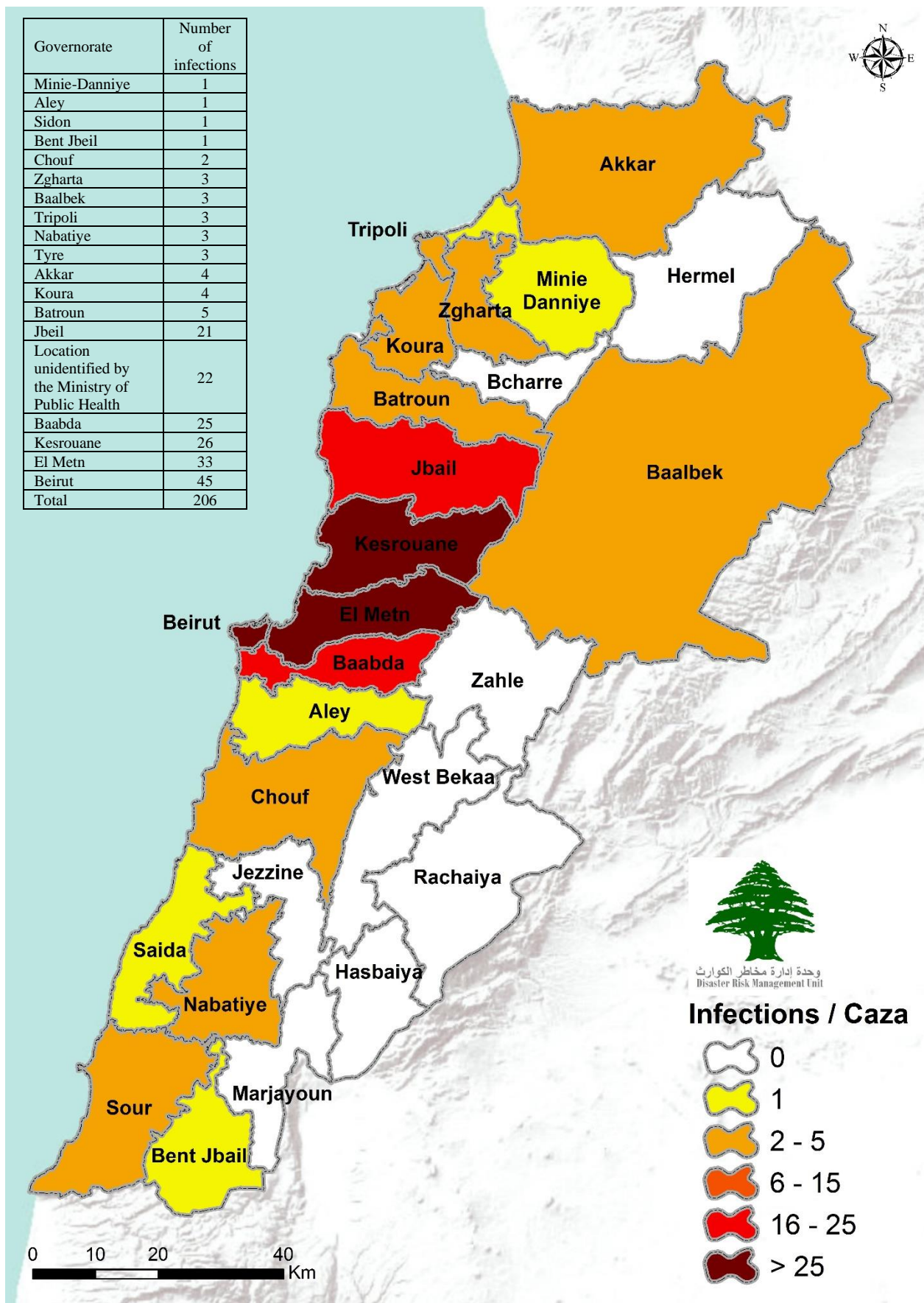
Total recoveries

*Source: Ministry of Public Health*

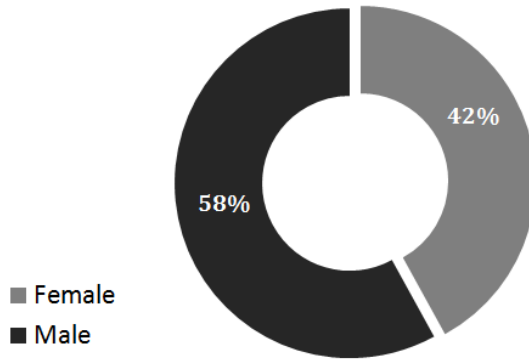
### The number of recorded cases vs. precautions taken



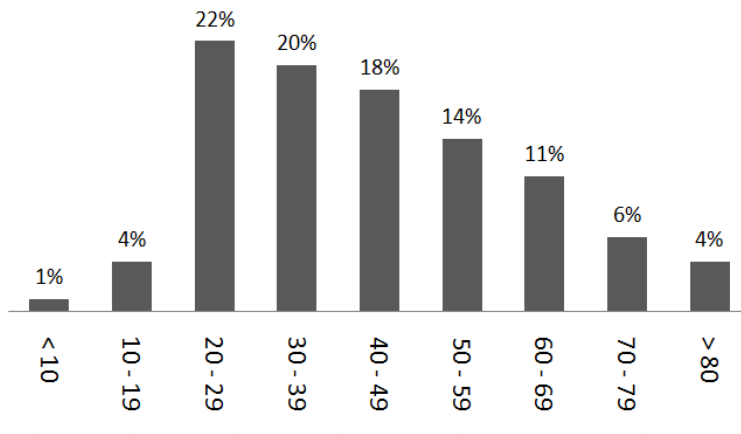
## Distribution of Cases per Governorate



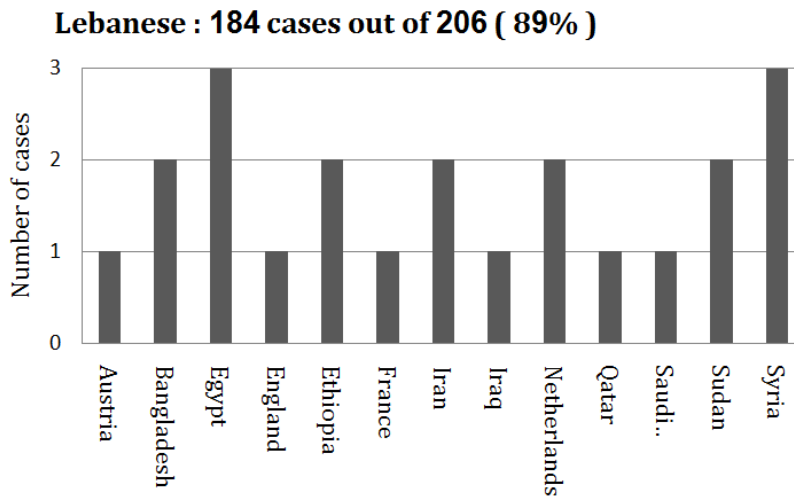
### Distribution of cases by gender



### Distribution of cases by age (%)



### Distribution of cases by nationality



## Total Artificial Respirators in Public and Private Hospital

	Public Hospitals	Private Hospitals	Total
Children	42	237	279
Adults	123	783	906
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1185</b>

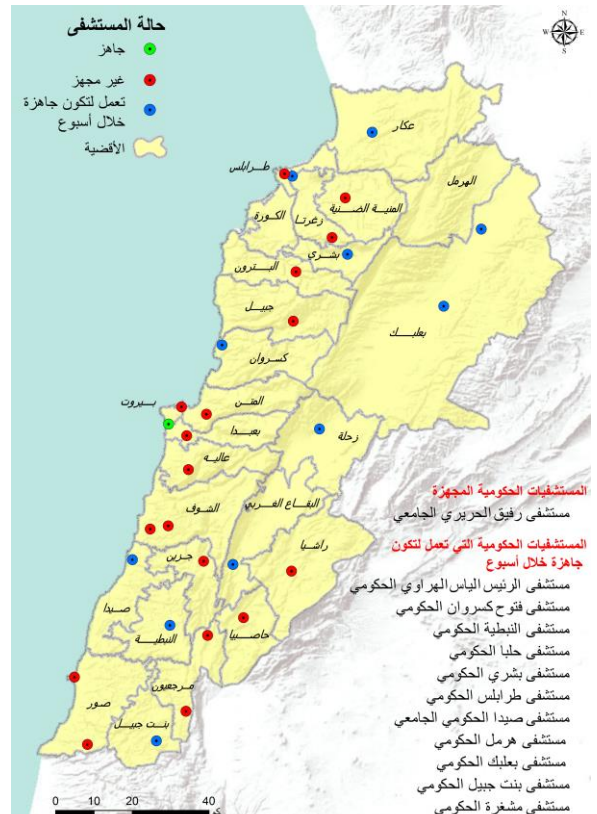
## Total Beds in Emergency Units and ICUs in Public and Private Hospitals

	Private Hospitals	Public Hospitals	Total
Number of beds in emergency units	878	215	1093
Number of beds in ICU	1972	336	2308
<b>Total number of beds</b>	<b>12749</b>	<b>2446</b>	<b>15195</b>

## Readiness 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, Bsharbeh Governmental Hospital, Tripoli Governmental hospital, Saïda Governmental Hospital, Hermel Governmental Hospital, Baalbek Governmental Hospital, bint Jbeil Governmental Hospital, Mashghara Governmental Hospital.

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

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

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## The Aims of the National Operations Room

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

**First Objective:** Reduce the spread of the virus through applying precautionary measures, reduce direct contact between people, and enhance people's ability to access information.

**Second Objective:** Ensuring the continuity of basic services at the national level by defining them and encouraging remote work.

**Third Objective:** Increasing the health sector's capabilities by continuously surveying available resources compared to the epidemiological curve, attracting funding and technical assistance, and increasing hospital capacity and case management.

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## Measures Being Implemented

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### Ministry of Public Health:

- Issued a [daily report](#) on new cases and the status of existing cases in government and private hospitals.
- Issued the total [number of individuals](#) who recovered clinically and were transferred to home-isolation.

### Lebanese Red Cross:

- 245 new suspected cases were transferred to hospitals
- 447 trained paramedics (65 new).
- 520 volunteers
- 24 trained ambulance centers (2 new)

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

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

- Tracked potential cases in various Lebanese regions and ensured that they're adhering to the terms of home isolation
- Issued 61 warnings to institutions that violated the decisions of the Council of Ministers
- Issued 6 written warnings to individuals who did not abide by decisions of the Council of Ministers
- Issued 149 verbal warnings to institutions that violated the decisions of the Council of Ministers
- Followed up on cases in house insolation
- Dispersed public gatherings
- Closed several factories, stores, institutions, cafes and restaurants in different regions
- Monitored mosques' commitment to the suspension of Friday prayers
- Ensured that supermarket prices were not altered

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

- China agreed to provide assistance (medical kits, equipment, and personal protection gears for medical teams): 3000 PCR units, 200 manual thermometers.
- 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.
- Circulating bank account numbers to receive financial assistance and the address of the High Relief Commission to receive other kinds of assistance.

### Ministry of Public Works and Transport:

- A Qatar cargo plane arrived from Qatar at 16:50 and left Lebanese territory at 18:20.
- A private plane carrying medical assistance arrived to Beirut at 17:45 from Paris and left at 18:20.
- It is expected that by the end of the day, three ships will have arrived and three ships will have left the country.

### Ministry of Education and Higher Education:



- The Ministry organized a remote meeting on e-learning with principles of public schools in Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Zahle, Baalbek-Hermel, and the North.

-Supervisors and principals are attending [public schools](#) on different shifts on Thursday in order to prepare for e-learning classes.

**Ministry of Telecommunications:**

-500MBs will be freely granted to Alfa and Touch users.

- Extending the validity of prepaid Alfa and Touch lines for a month.

**Ministry of Interior and Municipalities:**

-Issued circular No. [8/20](#), which includes necessary measures, to all governorates.

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### Actions Taken at the Governorate and Municipal Levels

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Governorate	Total number of individuals in home isolation
North	38
Akkar	250
Baalbek-Hermel	3
Bekaa	25
Mount Lebanon	151
South	91
Nabatieh	81

Governorate	level of commitment to circulars by governorates	
	General Percentage	sectors most impacted
North	80%	Vegetable market, fish market, corniche
Akkar	85%	The ability to pray in some areas
Baalbek-Hermel	88%	Vendors, clubs, cafes and some shops
Bekaa	90%	Plastic factories
Mount Lebanon	82%	Private businesses
South	90%	Free professions

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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.
- Compile to home quarantine and avoid leaving home unless absolutely necessary.

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#### Risks that Might Result in the Rapid Spread of the Virus

- Non-compliance of the Lebanese with the prevention measures.
- Non-compliance with the compulsory home quarantine.
- The spread of the epidemic in crowded places.
- Allowing gatherings to take place

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- Frequently washing hands and following all safety measures set by the Ministry of Public Health.
  - Avoid crowded places and social contact and commit to a safe distance between individuals.
  - Directly call the Ministry of Public Health when feeling any symptoms: 1214 or 76/292699