

# Lebanon National Operations Room Daily Report on COVID-19 March 22, 2020



Source: Ministry of Public Health



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

Number of Cases by Location







Distribution of cases by nationality



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	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	12749	2446	15195

# Level of Preparedness of Public and Private Hospitals





Public hospitals ready: RHUH Public hospitals in the process of becoming ready: as Al Hrawi Hospital, Fattouh hospital, Nabatieh Governmental Hospital, Halba Governmental Hospital, Bahareh Governmental Hospital, Tripoli Governmental hospital, Saida 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 Heath)

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:

-268 new suspected cases were transferred to hospitals (23 new cases)

- 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):

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

The Internal Security Forces issued 234 written reports to car drivers, in addition to 98 written warnings to cyclists in various Lebanese regions, to confirm the implementation of the Cabinet's decision to mobilize the public.

-Tracked potential cases in various Lebanese regions and ensured that they're adhering to the terms of home isolation -Issued between Saturday and Sunday 212 written warnings to institutions and individuals that violated the decisions of the Council of Ministers

-The General Directorate of Public Security issued a circular on Sunday including the following decisions: Prevention of gathering in public and private areas, closing commercial stores and institutions and affirming that citizens remain at home and to only go out when absolutely. The Directorate also issued a circular regarding the Syrian border to control the outbreak of the virus outbreak.

-Closed several factories, stores, institutions, cafes and restaurants in different regions

-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 aboard 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:**

- Beirut Port: 8 ships loaded with livestock, onions, potatoes, and different containers entered the country and ten ships are expected to depart by the end of the day.

Tripoli Port: One ship exited. One ship arrived at noon and is expected to leave by the end of the day. **Others:** 

- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) issued a circular to all refugees asking them to adhere to the instructions of municipalities and security forces to prevent the spread of the virus. The UNHCR also stressed the need to report when someone feels any symptoms, noting that the UNHCR will cover the costs of conducting laboratory tests and treatment.

Governorate	Total number of individuals in home isolation
North	46
Akkar	285
Baalbek-Hermel	3
Bekaa	25
Mount Lebanon	168
South	105
Nabatieh	92

# Actions Taken at the Governorate and Municipal Levels

Governorate	level of commitment to circulars by governorates	
	General Percentage	sectors most impacted
North	80%	Shopping stores and centers
Akkar	90%	car-repair centers and bus drivers, and shops
Baalbek-Hermel	90%	Vendors, clubs, cafes and some shops
Bekaa	90%	Plastic factories
Mount Lebanon	90%	shops
South	90%	Private businesses
Nabatieh	90%	Free professions

General Directions and Recommendations	Risks that Might Result in the Rapid Spread of the Virus	
<ul> <li>Implement the decisions issued by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers at the level of public and private institutions and municipalities.</li> <li>Stay at home and don't go out unless it is necessary.</li> <li>Frequently wash hands and follow all safety measures set by the Ministry of Public Health.</li> <li>Avoid crowded places and social contact and commit to a safe distance between individuals.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lack of adherence to the medical advisories.</li> <li>Disrespecting to compulsory home quarantine</li> <li>The spread of the virus in crowded places.</li> <li>Allowing gatherings to take place</li> </ul>	

• Seek medical care if you feel fever, cough and difficulty of breathes. Call the Ministry of Public Health hotline 1214 or 76/292699