



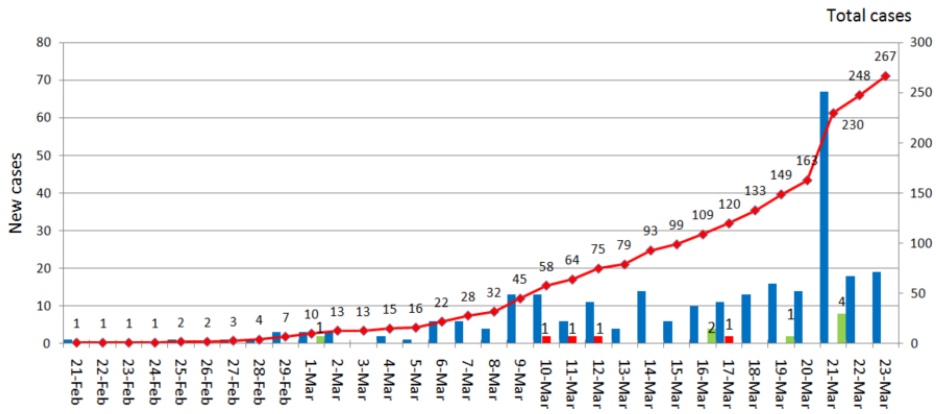
Lebanon National Operations Room Daily Report on COVID-19 March 23, 2020

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Cases per day



267

Total number of cases since Feb. 21

19

New cases recorded on March 23

4

Patients in critical condition

4

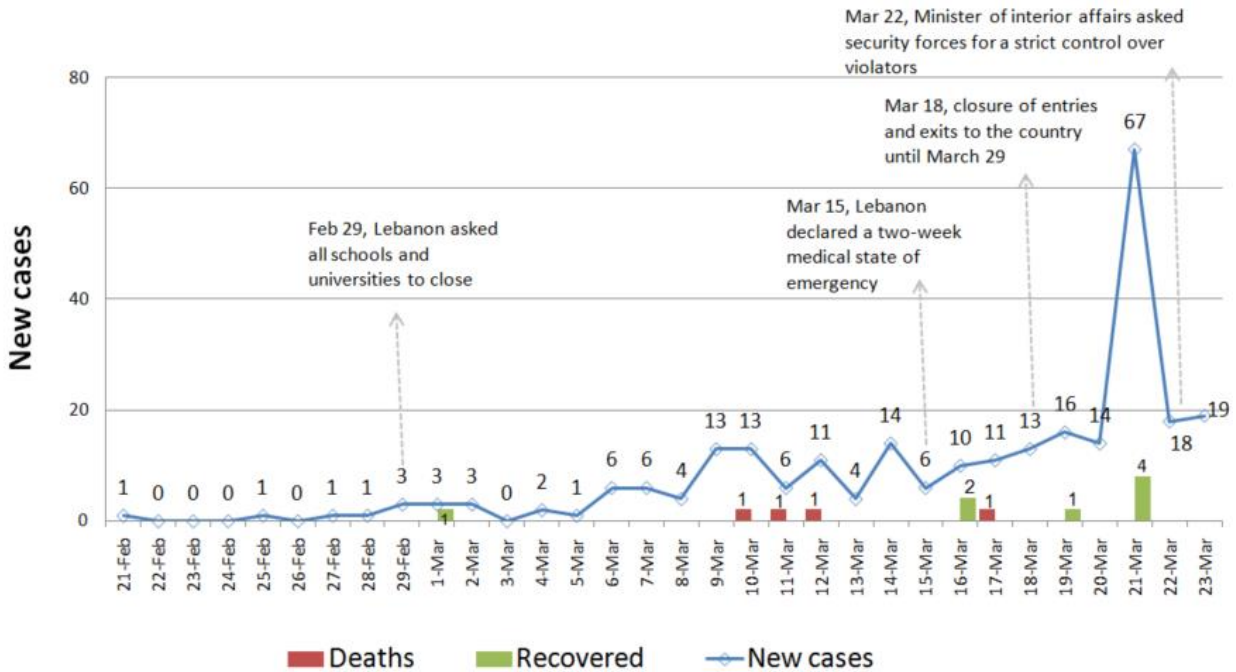
Total deaths

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Number of cured patients

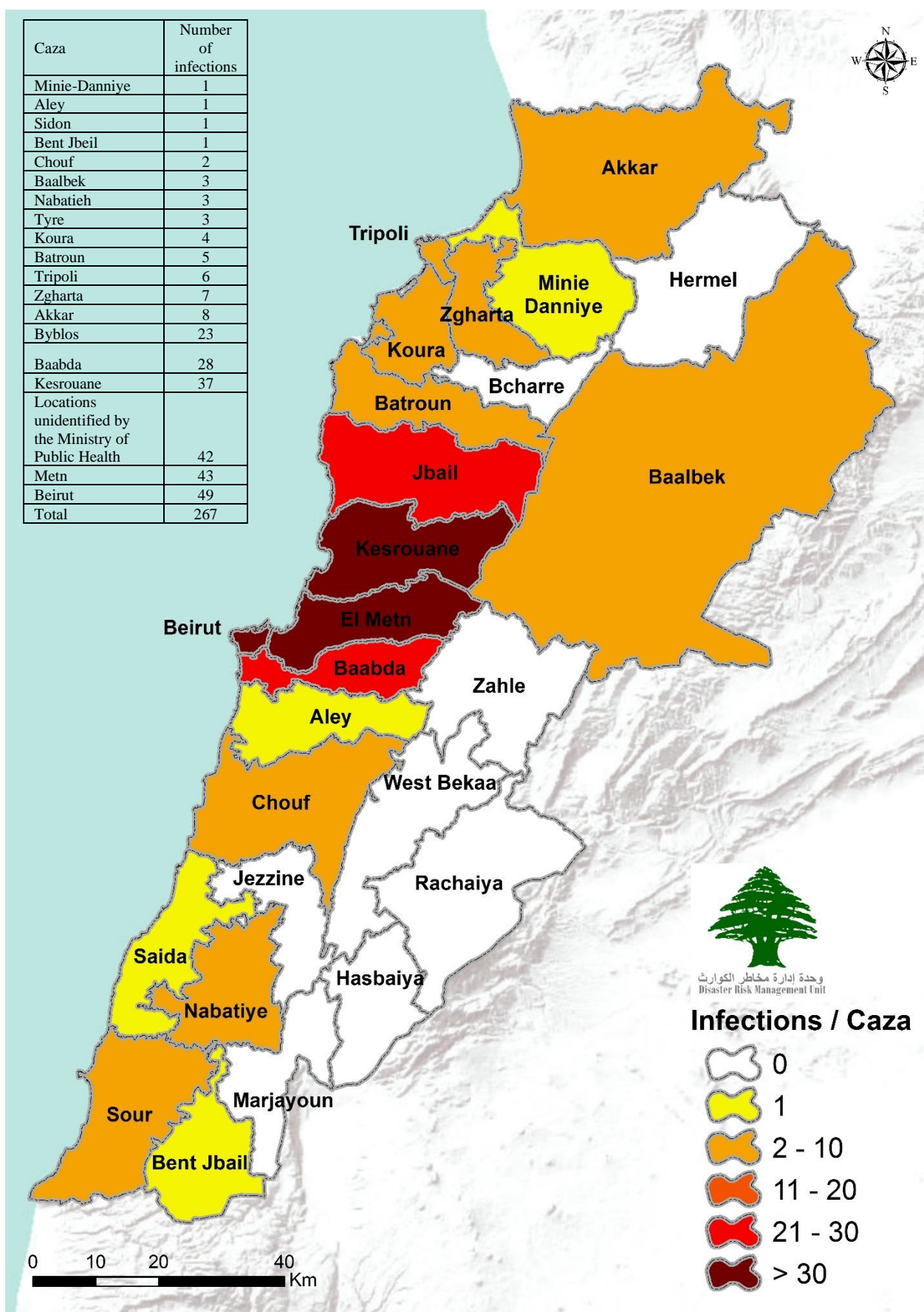
Source: Ministry of Public Health

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

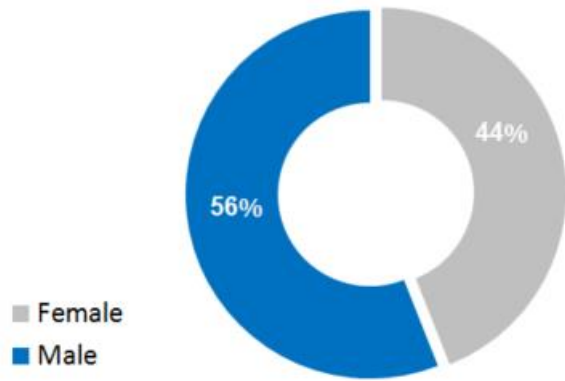


Number of Cases by Location

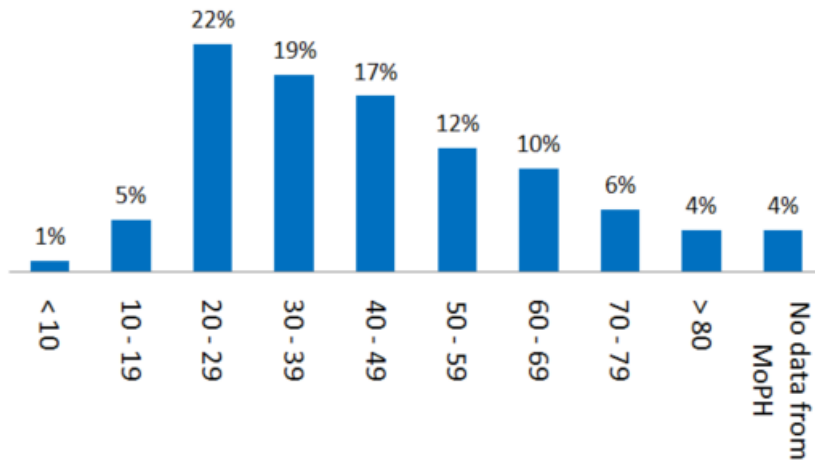
Caza	Number of infections
Minie-Danniye	1
Aley	1
Sidon	1
Bent Jbeil	1
Chouf	2
Baalbek	3
Nabatieh	3
Tyre	3
Koura	4
Batroun	5
Tripoli	6
Zgharta	7
Akkar	8
Byblos	23
Baabda	28
Kesrouane	37
Locations unidentified by the Ministry of Public Health	42
Metn	43
Beirut	49
Total	267



Cases by Gender

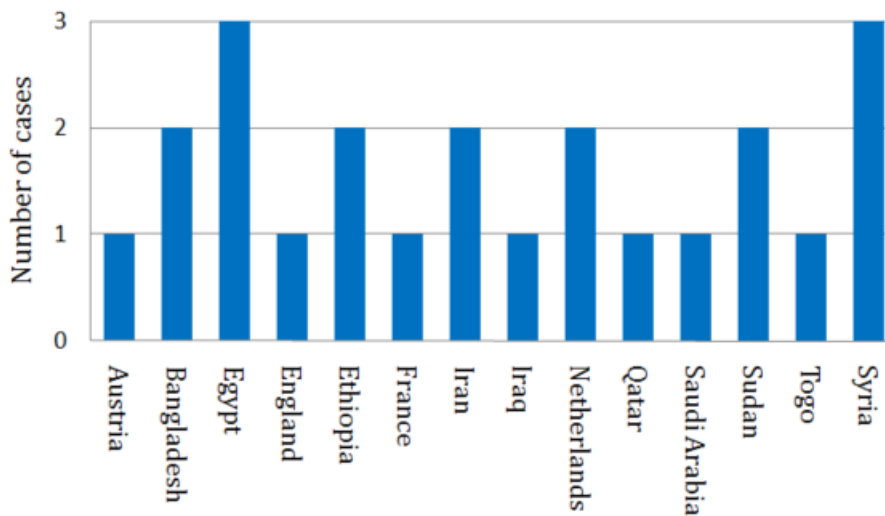


Distribution of cases by age (%)



Distribution of cases by nationality

Lebanese : 244 cases out of 267 (91%)



Total Artificial respirators in Public and Private Hospital

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

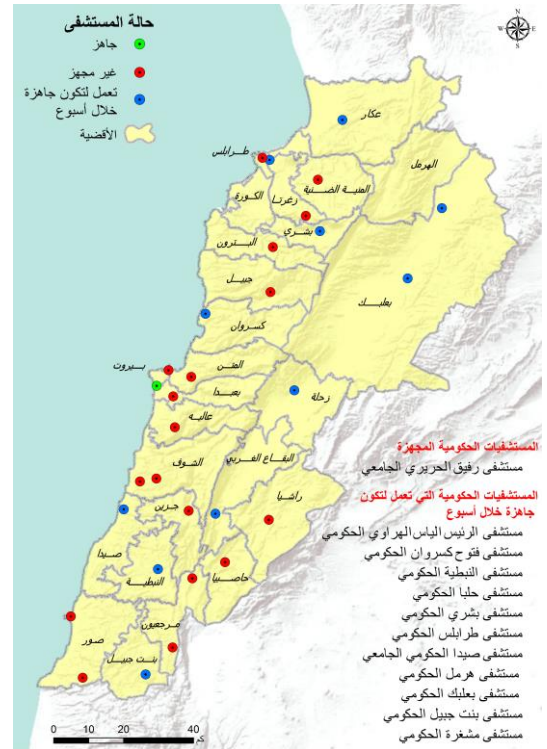
Existing Available Beds in emergency units and ICUs (both in Public and Private Hospitals)

	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



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, Bshareh 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:

-303 new suspected cases were transferred to hospitals (35 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 army closed 303 shops, dispersed 16 public gatherings in different regions, and sent warnings to 12 municipalities to abide by public mobilization.

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

-ISF issued on Monday between 6 am and noon, 351 written warnings to institutions and individuals that violated the [decisions of the Council of Ministers](#).

-Ensured that supermarket prices were not altered.

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.

-Circulating bank account numbers to receive financial assistance and the address of the High Relief Commission to receive other kinds of assistance.

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...).

Ministry of Public Works and Transport:

- Rafiq Hariri International Airport: Three airplanes carrying food and other raw matters arrived from Dubai and Qatar this morning and exited the country on Monday, March 23. A DHL plane is also expected to arrive later today. Beirut Port: Four ships loaded with livestock, onions, potatoes, BUTANE gas and other containers entered the country. Two ships exited.

Ministry of Interior and Municipalities:

-Increasing strictness in terms of those who do not close their stores or do not abide by home-isolation (No. 39 / 2020).

Others:

-UNRWA issued a circular to all Palestinian refugees residing in Lebanon indicating the organization's willingness to cover the cost of Palestinian cases' laboratory tests and treatment.

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- 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.

Actions Taken at the Governorate and Municipal Levels

Governorate	Total number of individuals in home isolation
North	49
Akkar	175
Baalbek-Hermel	5
Bekaa	27
Mount Lebanon	151
South	121
Nabatieh	90

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

- 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

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