

# Lebanon National Operations Room **Daily Report on COVID-19**

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 Report #41 Time published: 17:00 **Status of Cases** Registered cases since Feb. 21 717 Recoveries 9.05% 145 Deaths 24 Current registerd cases 541 1 expatriates New cases TOTAL=7 6 locals 66.76% Conducted PCR tests since Feb. 21 28,357 Mild/Moderate Severe/Critical Asymptomatic Distribution of cases by gender (%) PCR tests conducted in the last 24 hrs. 1,499 PCR tests conducted in the airport since 2,514 April 5 PCR tests conducted in the airport in the 13 54% last 24 hrs. Female Male **Cases per Day** New cases Deaths Recovered ----Total cases Total cases 80 800 70 700 60 600 50 500 40 400

300

200

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25-Apr 27-Apr 29-Apr

21-Apr 23-Apr

17-Apr

19-Apr

13-Apr 15-Apr

New cases

30

20

10

0

21-Feb

23-Feb

25-Feb 27-Feb 29-Feb

2-Mar

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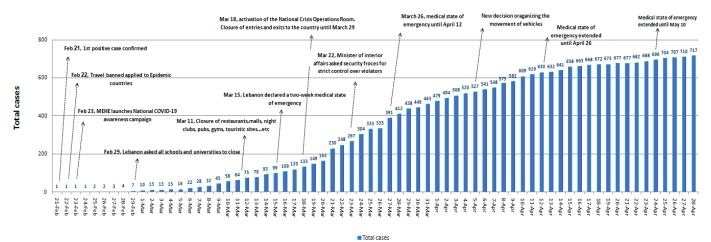
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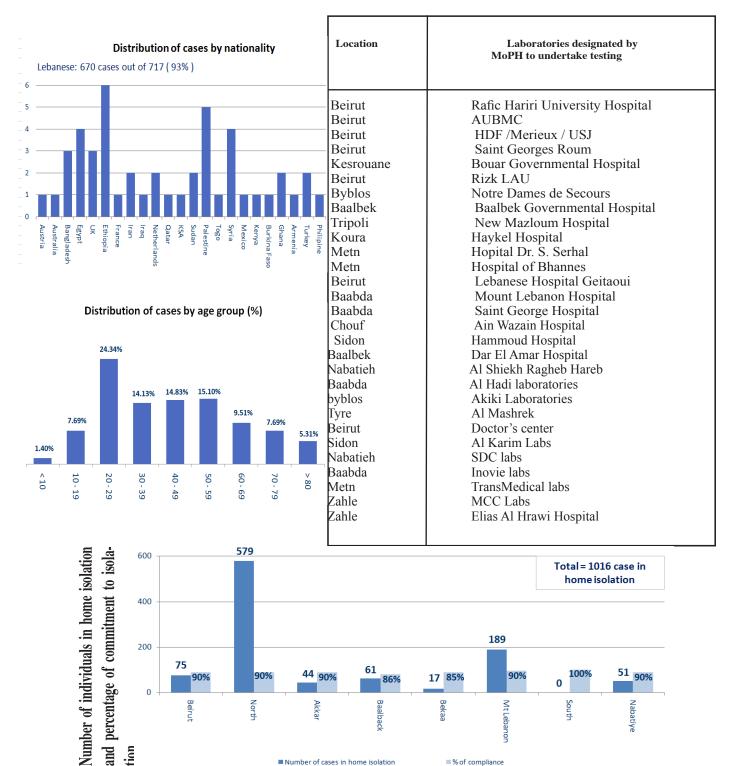
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### Chronology of decisions according to number of cases



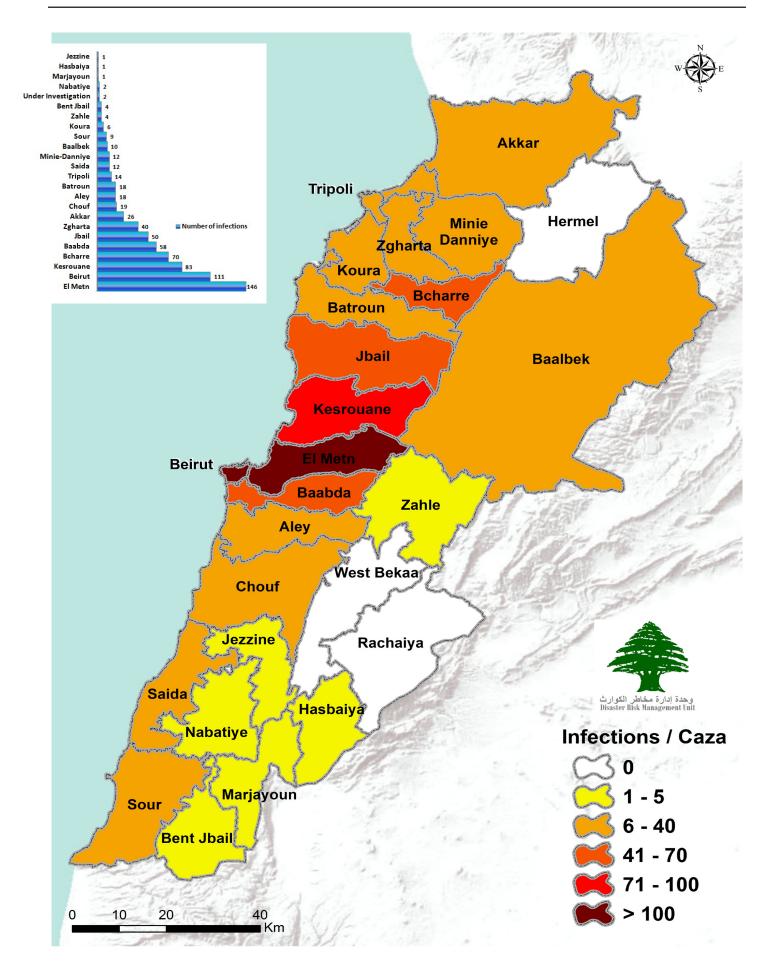


Number of cases in home isolation

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% of compliance

# Number of Cases by Location



#### Level of Preparedness of Public and Private Hospitals



Status of prviate hospitals: AUBMC, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Jbeil Maounat Hospital, Al Roum Hospital

Green: Ready Yellow: District



Status of public hospitals Green: Ready - Blue: Will be ready in a week Red: Not ready - Yellow: District Public hospitals ready: RHUH, Baalbek Governmental Hospital, Bouar Governmental Hospital, Halba Governmental Hospital, Bshareh Governmental Hospital, Tipoli Governmental Hospital, Bint Jbeil Governmental Hospital, Mashghara governmental Hospital, Nabatieh Governmental Hospital, Hermel Governmental Hospital, Al Hrawi Hospital, Fattouh Hospital. In process of becoming ready: Saida hospital

### Actions Taken at the Governorate and Municipal Level

#### Isolation centers approved by The Committee for the Follow up on Coronavirus Preventive Measures and Procedures Friday, April 10, 2020

The committee responsible for specifying potential isolation centers includes an officer from the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council of Defense, a medical doctor in the army, an engineer from the army, and a representative from the Order of Nurses in Lebanon.

The committee aims to inspect possible isolation centers in coordination with the concerned governorates and municipalities.

Governorate	Number of isolation centers
Mount Lebanon	16
North	2
South	4
Akkar	11
Bekaa	10
Total	43

Governorate	Level of commitment to the decision to close all businesses	Sectors violating closure decision
Beirut	75%	Commercial stores, violating the car mobility decision, private businesses, protests
North	70%	commercial stores, protests, violating the car mobility decision, gatherings in front of ATMs and banks
Akkar	65%	commercial stores, violating the car mobility decision, gatherings in front of super markets, traffic, private businesses, gatherings
Baalbek-Hermel	70%	Cafes, Commercial stores, violating the car mobility decision, gatherings in markets, private businesses, Protests in front of banks
Bekaa	85%	Commercial stores, violating the car mobility decision, private businesses
Mount Lebanon	80%	Commercial stores, violating the car mobility decision, private businesses, traffic
South	85%	Protests, traffic, violating the car mobility decision
Nabatieh	85%	Gatherings in vegetable markets, commercial stores, gatherings in front of banks, violating the car mobility decision

# **Ministry of Public Health**

- Issued a daily report on new cases and the status of existing cases in government and private hospitals.
- Implemented the health measures agreed upon within the Lebanese government's plan to return Lebanese expatriates during flights and at the airport, and defined the required isolation procedures according to the health status of expatriates in coordination with the Committee for the Follow up on Coronavirus Preventive Measures and Procedures , the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, the General Directorate of Public Security and Middle East Airlines.
- Continues to equip government hospitals and others.
- Field examination of the hospitals and laboratories designated by the ministry to deal with the emerging coronavirus.
- Following up on the health situation of expatriates who have returned to Lebanon.
- Conducting and following up on conducted PCR tests for citizens in various Lebanese regions.
- The Ministry of Public Health has started increasing the number of PCR examinations and distributing medical supplies to government hospitals as part of its plan that focuses on random sampling every day in various Lebanese regions, which will allow to define the epidemic stage and take appropriate decisions.
- Received medical assistance from other countries to increase the capacity of hospitals and medical personnel.

#### Lebanese Red Cross

• 899 new suspected cases were transferred to hospitals (10 new cases)

- 36 trained ambulance centers
- 11 additional ambulance centers ready to respond when needed
- 6,655 PCR tests transported to laboratories (25 new tests)
- 139 volunteers responsible for transporting PCR tests to laboratories
- 53,430 number of those benefiting from awareness sessions

#### **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

- The ministry was informed that several expatriated donated money to governmental hospitals and the medical staff.
- The Ministry is following up with the Lebanese missions and consulates to organize the nominal regulations for expatriate students with limited financial capabilities who will be provided with financial assistance.
- Based on the decision of the Ministerial Committee for the Return of Expatriates, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in coordination with the ministries and other relevant authorities, the minsitry will follow up to determine the countries that will be included in the second stage of the plan to return Lebanese Expats after April 26, 2020 and prepare the regulation.
- The Ministry is coordinating with the National Committee, the Ministry of Public Health, the General Directorate of Civil Aviation and Middle East Airlines, the arrival of flights from Cyprus, Dammam, France, Lagos and Congo
- Note:

Website for Lebanese expatriates who wish to return to Lebanon: https://mfa.gov.lb/arabic/return-to-lebanon

Website for student expatriates: https://mfa.gov.lb/arabic/students-abroad

• 1,244 trained paramedics

Security services (Internal Security Forces, General Security, State Security, Army, General Directorate of Civil Defense)

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- The Lebanese army and other security services implemented strict measures on all Lebanese territory to ensure public mobilization.
- The army closed 51 shops, dispersed 32 public gatherings. The army also supported a number of municipalities in implementing precautionary measures. The army also shared the names of the 114 blocked roads by the municipalities. Also, the army distributed food units to families in need.
- General Security Forces followed up on the airport's set regulations for the return of Lebanese expatriates to their homeland and tracked potential cases in various Lebanese regions and ensured that they're adhering to the terms of home isolation. In addition, they dispersed several gatherings and aided several municipalities in issuing several written warnings to institutions and individuals that did not adhere to the decisions of the Council of Ministers. They also announced the distribution of a thermometer, sterilizers, masks, and cleaning materials by the Union of Citadel Municipalities in Nabatieh to all military centers in Saray Tibnin; the material were provided by the the French contingent in the UNIFIL forces.
- ISF issued 209 fines, 150 were directed at cars that violated the car mobility decision, 59 were directed at individuals who violated the decisions of the Council of Ministers. The forces have issued 20,141 fines since March 8.
- The General Directorate of Civil Defense carried out 4 transportation mission for dialysis patients to hospitals based on the Minister of Interior and Municipalities Decision No. 479/2020. It also prepared 427 personnel and 67 ambulances, to interfere, when necessary, and transport those infected with the emerging coronavirus. It also trained 300 members to transport infected individuals. The directorate also carried out sterilization missions in public and private areas that were excluded from the decision to close.
- State Security Forces visited different Lebanese regions and closed a number of shops. The forces also issues a number of warnings and followed up on cases in home isolations.

#### **Ministry of Interior and Municipalities**

- Implementing the extension of the general mobilization procedures issued by the Council of Ministers in accordance with Resolution No. 24/4/2020 from 4/27/2020 to 10/5/2020, provided that this accompanies the approval of a five-stage plan to open sectors in a manner that takes into account potential risks.
- The Ministry issued a circular No. 45/ 2020 on 19/4/2020 regarding the amendment of circular No. 40/2020 related to the operating times of exempted institutions according to Cabinet decisions No. 53/2020 that was released on 3/24/2020 and circular No. 54/2020 released on 3/26/2020. the ciruclar focused specifically on supermarkets and mini markets, dairy and cheese shops, vegetables and fruit markets, meat, fish and poultry stores, sweets and pastry shops, water providers, and restaurants. Their new operating hours are 5 am to 8 pm.

• The Ministry issued the instructions for the electronic joint platform for municipalities (IMPACT) for evaluation, coordination and follow-up in order to facilitate the follow-up of health, social and security issues resulting from the coronavirus outbreak. The project is a partnership between the ministries of the Interior and Municipalities, Public Health, and Social Affairs and with the National Operations Room https://cp.interior.gov.lb

# **Ministry of Public Works**

Flight	Arrives from	Lebanese citizens on board	Arrival time
MEA	Egypt	1	14:30
Skylounge	UAE	2	19:30
MEA	Liberia	10	21:00
MEA	Dubai	2	14:45
MEA	Jeddah	7	16:30
MEA	Riyadh	8	16:30
MEA	Riyadh	9	17:30
Private plane	France	1	14:30
MEA	Egypt	9	1:20
ME262	Cyprus	77	12:30
ME443	Damam	121	16:30
ME210	Paris	78	18:30
ME212	Paris	121	2:30
ME572	Lagos	120	22:30
ME582	Congo	119	00:13
Total		685	planes 15
Cargo planes	arrives from	carrying	time
cargo plane	Qatar	goods	19:40
DHL	Bahrain	goods	19:00
cargo plane	Egypt	goods	19:20
total			3

Port	entered			le	ft	
	Import	Direction	#	export	Direction	#
Beirut	Wheat	Ukraine	1	Container	Tukey	1
				containers	Egypt	1
Tripoli				Empty	Ukraine	1
Chekka	Chemicals	greece	1			
Jounieh				Empty	Russia	1
Total			2			4

Notes:

- The airport: All arrivals through Rafic Hariri International Airport are subject to health and security measures approved in the plan for the return of Lebanese expatriates by the Ministry of Public Health, the General Directorate of General Security and the General Directorate of Civil Aviation.
- Ports: Before allowing any vessel to enter the campus's harbor, the entire crew of the vessel is examined by a device approved by the Ministry of Public Health to ensure that there are no infections.

# **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.

#### **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 01-594459

# 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