



# Lebanon National Operations Room

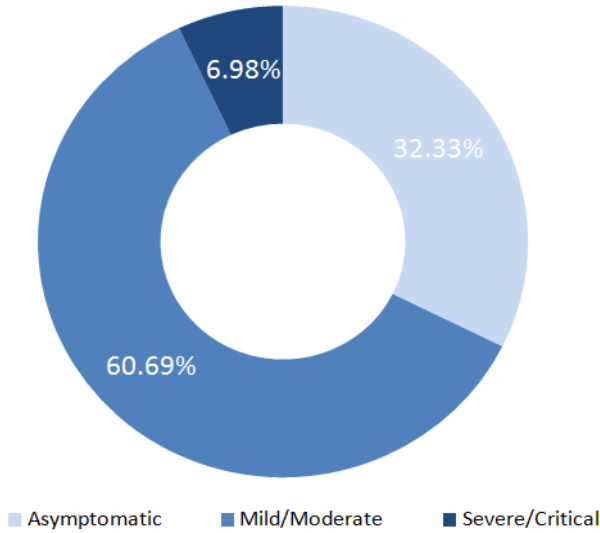
## Daily Report on COVID-19

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

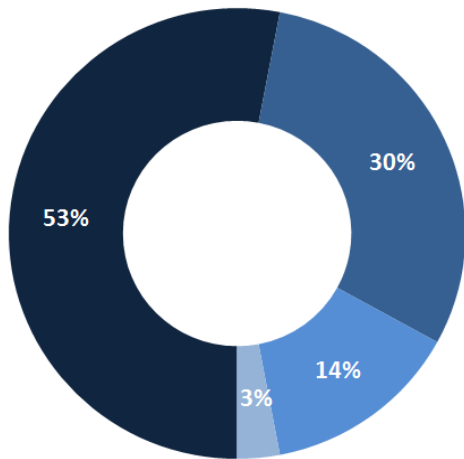
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### Status of Cases



■ Asymptomatic ■ Mild/Moderate ■ Severe/Critical



■ Contact with confirmed case ■ Travel related ■ Under investigation ■ Unidentified source

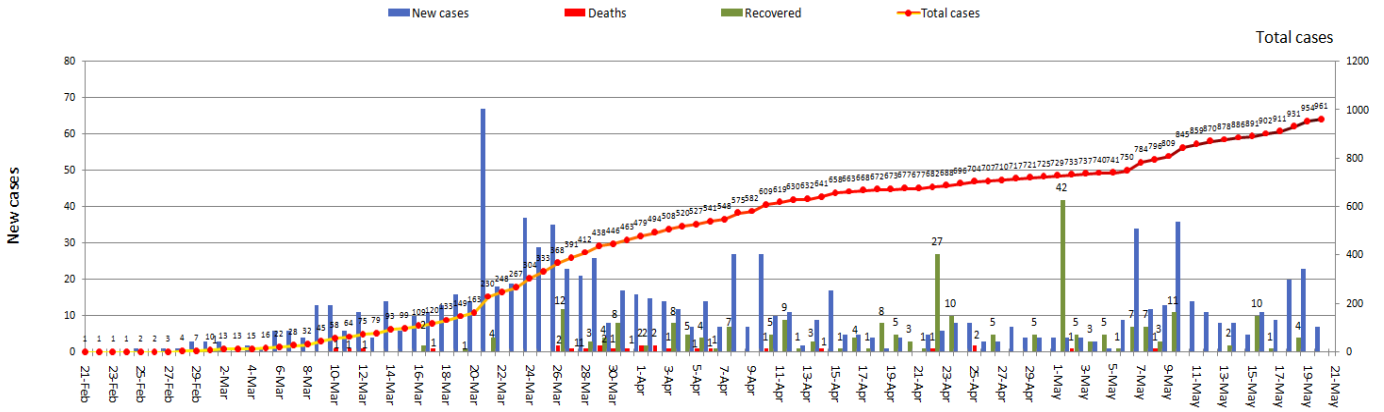
Total registered cases since Feb. 21	961
locals	811
Lebanese expats	150
Recoveries	251
Deaths	26
Total registered cases in the past 24 hrs.	7
locals	4
Lebanese expats	3
Conducted PCR tests in labs since Feb. 21	54,945
PCR tests conducted in the last 24 hrs.	1353
PCR tests conducted in the airport since April 5	9,992
PCR tests conducted in the airport in the last 24 hrs.	290
<b>Total conducted PCR tests since Feb. 21 (including airport tests)</b>	<b>64,937</b>
<b>684 active cases</b>	
629 in home isolation	
55 are currently hospitalized	
51 mild cases	
4 in ICU	

### Comparison between Lebanon and other countries

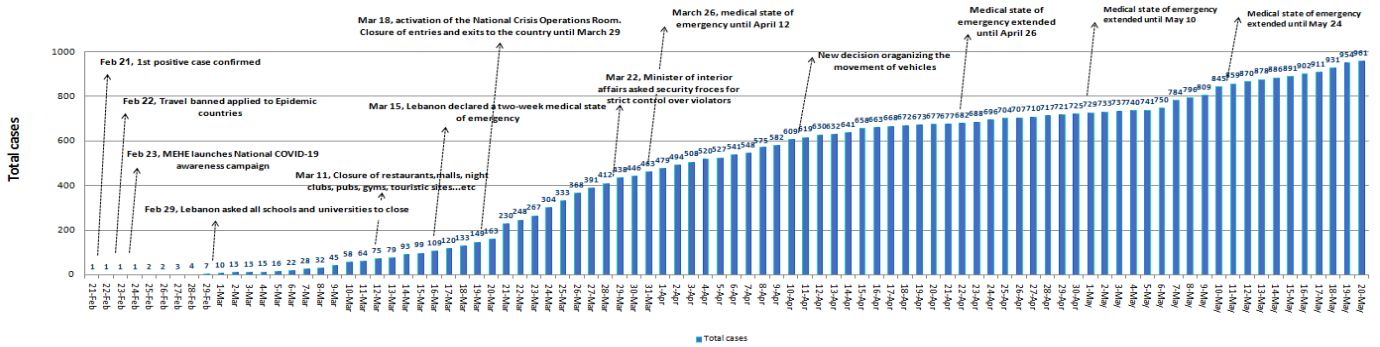
	Lebanon	Internationally
Total registered cases	961	5,011,466
Total deaths	26	325,458
Percentage of deaths	2.7%	6.49%
Number of recoveries	251	1,976,488

\*the above data was last updated at 3pm

# Cases per Day

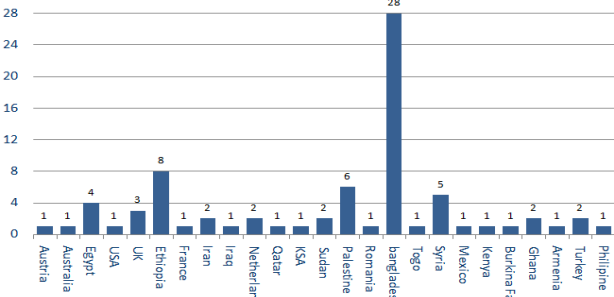


## Chronology of decisions according to number of cases

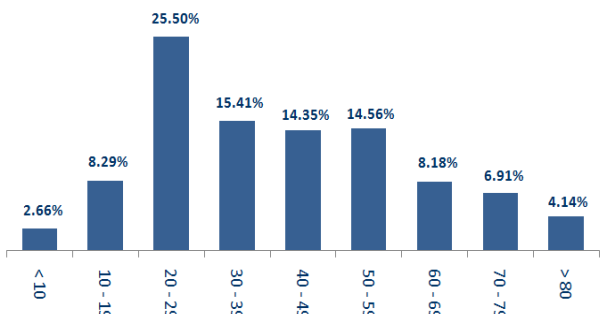


## Distribution of cases by nationality

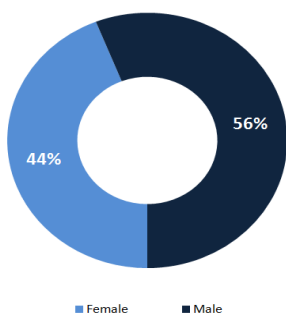
Lebanese: 883 cases out of 961 (92%)



## Distribution of cases by age group (%)

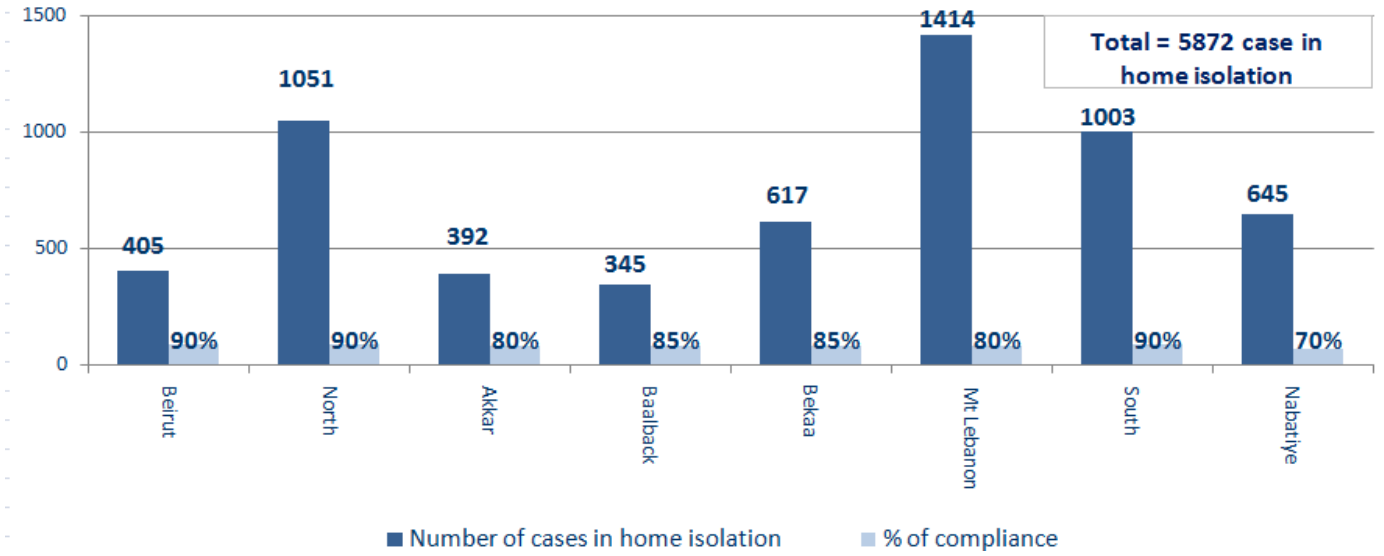


## Distribution of cases by gender (%)

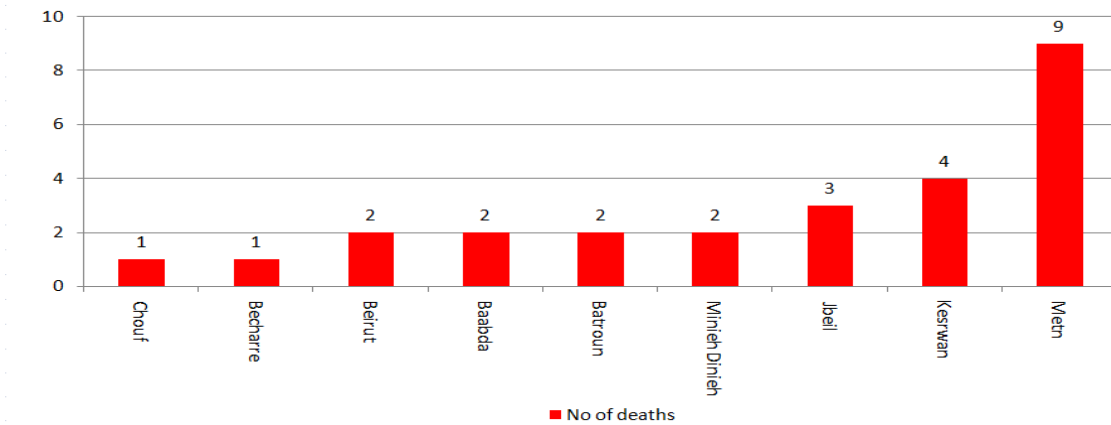


Location	Laboratories designated by MoPH to undertake testing
Beirut	Rafic Hariri University Hospital
Beirut	AUBMC
Beirut	HDF /Merieux / USJ
Beirut	Saint Georges Roum
Kesrouane	Bouar Governmental Hospital
Beirut	Rizk LAU
Byblos	Notre Dames de Secours
Baalbek	Baalbek Governmental Hospital
Tripoli	New Mazloum Hospital
Koura	Haykel Hospital
Metn	Hopital Dr. S. Serhal
Metn	Hospital of Bhannes
Beirut	Lebanese Hospital Geitaoui
Baabda	Mount Lebanon Hospital
Baabda	Saint George Hospital
Chouf	Ain Wazain Hospital
Sidon	Hammoud Hospital
Baalbek	Dar El Amar Hospital
Nabatieh	Al Shiekh Ragheb Hareb
Baabda	Al Hadi laboratories
byblos	Akiki Laboratories
Tyre	Al Mashrek
Beirut	Doctor's center
Sidon	Al Karim Labs
Nabatieh	SDC labs
Baabda	Inovie labs
Metn	TransMedical labs
Zahle	MCC Labs
Zahle	Elias Al Hrawi Hospital

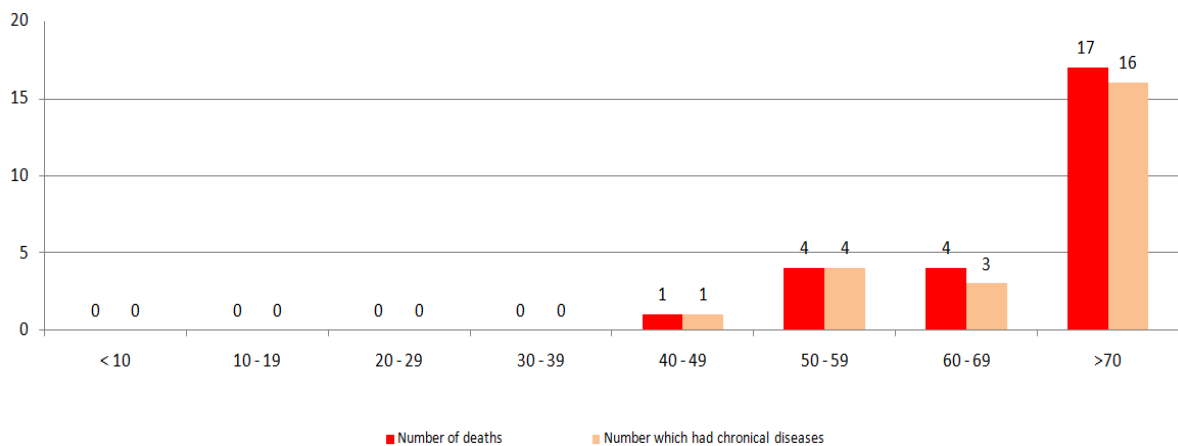
## Number of individuals in home isolation and percentage of commitment to isolation



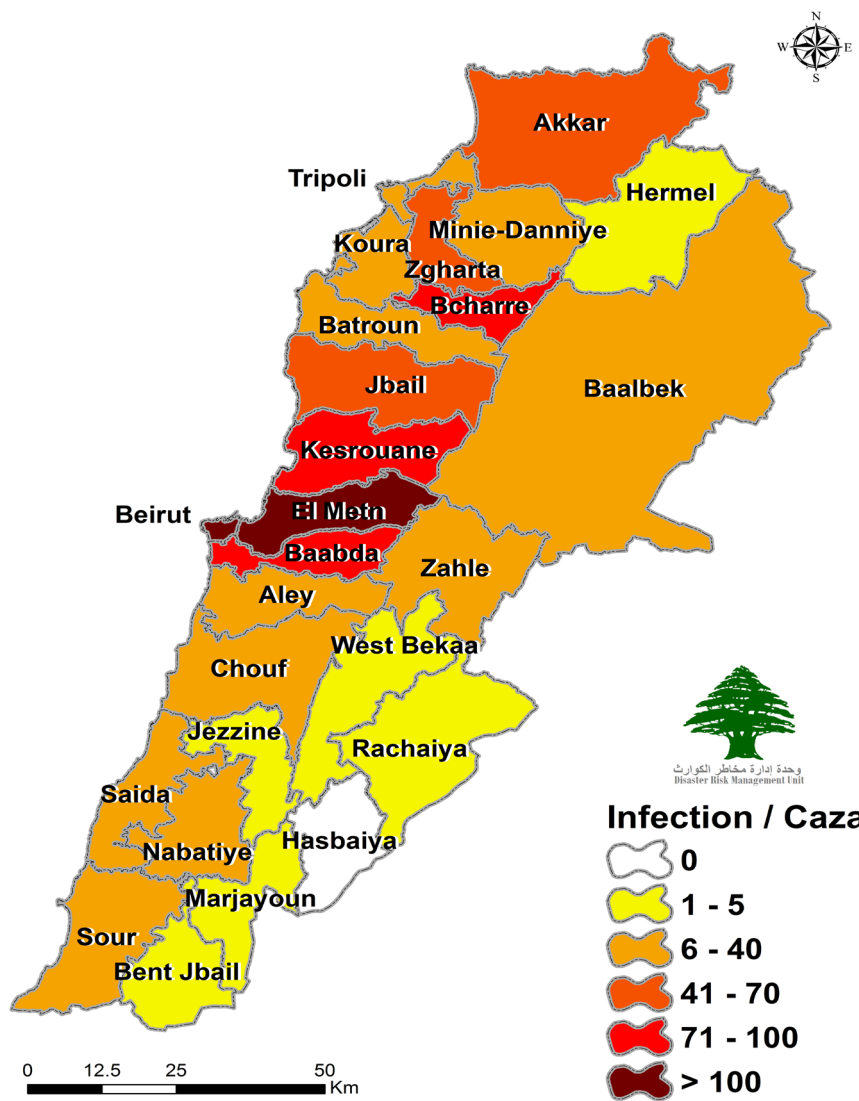
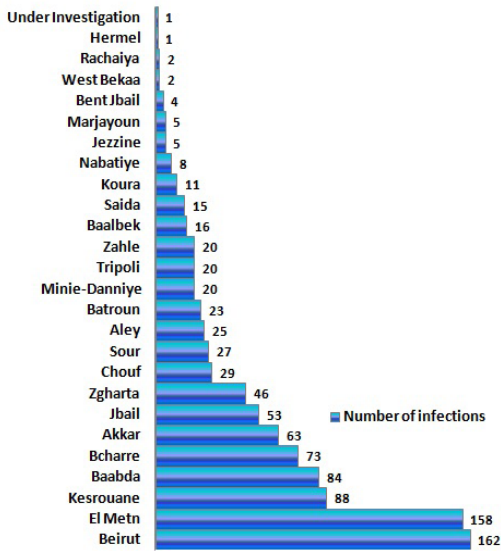
## Distribution of deaths by governorates



## Distribution of deaths by age

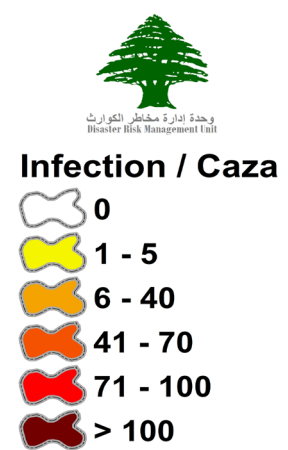


## Number of Cases by Location



Daily distribution of cases per municipality

Municipality	Number of cases
Majdal Aanjar (Zahle)	2
Aaqoura (Jbeil)	1
Mazraat Mechref (Sour)	1
Machta Hassan (Akkar)	1
Unspecified	2
Sum	7

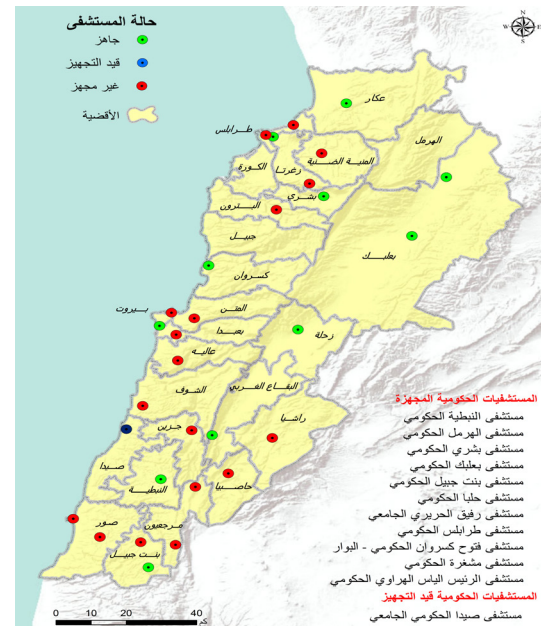


## Level of Preparedness of Public and Private Hospitals



Status of private 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: RHU.H, Baalbek Governmental Hospital, Bouar Governmental Hospital, Halba Governmental Hospital, Bshareh Governmental Hospital, Tripoli Governmental Hospital, Bint Jbeil Governmental Hospital, Mashghara government 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

**Thursday, April 30, 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.

The National Committee recommended that governors and municipalities should monitor the implementation and operation of refugees' isolation centers that were approved in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health, the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) and through following the reference manual for the management of isolation centers that have been circulated by the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities.

Governorate	Number of isolation centers	Number of isolation centers for refugees
Mount Lebanon	17	1
North	2	
South	4	2
Akkar	11	2
Bekaa	10	4
Beirut		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>

Governorate	Level of commitment to the decision to close all businesses	Sectors violating closure decision
Beirut	55%	Commercial stores, violating the curfew decision. lack of adherence to precautionary measures cafes
North	55%	non-compliance with the preventive measures in violations of the curfew decisions, gatherings,
Akkar	50%	gatherings in front of ATMs and banks, gatherings in vegetable markets, non-compliance with preventive measures and violating of the curfew decision
Baalbek-Hermel	50%	violations of the car mobility decision, and the curfew decision, daily gatherings in Labwah Square and Ras al-Ain, traffic, non-compliance with preventive measures in commercial shops and food stores, gatherings in front of banks, money transfer shops and ATM machines, free professions, youth gatherings
Bekaa	50%	traffic, violating the car mobility decision, lack of commitment by commercial shops and free professions to opening and closing times, gatherings in front of banks and ATMs, gatherings in markets, shops and food stores, gatherings of workers in the squares
Mount Lebanon	50%	gatherings in neighborhoods and food markets and beaches and ATM machines. gatherings in food stores and non-compliance with safety and preventive measures, violating the curfew decision
South	55%	Violating the car mobility decision and the curfew decision, traffic, gatherings in front of banks, ATMs and money transfer offices, overcrowds in commercial markets and non-compliance with preventive measures
Nabatieh	60%	Gatherings in front of banks. non-compliance of citizens with preventive measures, gatherings in shops, violating the car mobility decision and the curfew decision

## Ministry of Public Health

- Implementing a wide campaign in various Lebanese regions to examine those who have been in contact with other cases in aim of updating the epidemiological curve.
- 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.
- 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.
- Follow-uped up on the PCR tests of citizens in different Lebanese regions and matched the results.
- Received medical assistance from other countries to increase the capacity of hospitals and medical personnel.

## Lebanese Red Cross

13,197 new: 775	Number of PCR tests transferred to laboratories	11	Number of additional ambulance centers ready to respond	36	ambulance centers	1,356 new: 46	cases transferred to hospitals
138	Number of volunteers trained to transfer PCR tests	1,344	Number of trained paramedics	1701 new: 110	total number of respondents	57,332 new: 205	number of those benefiting from awareness sessions
791	The number of university volunteers trained to follow up on prevention measures in companies and institutions	217	Number of university volunteers trained to conduct awareness sessions	520	total LRC volunteers for covid19	2,393 new: 129	number of trained managers for isolation centers
2,535 new: 476	Number of beneficiaries from educational electronic platforms COVID-19	28,920	Number of distributed equipment **	1,169,391	total distributed posters, brochures, and flyers on covid19 prevention	313	number of prisons that have been disinfected

\* Includes: COVID-19 awareness sessions; awareness about the measures to take when returning to work and advanced training for field workers.

\*\* Includes: medical and sterilization equipment.

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- The ministry was informed that several expatriates 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.

- The Ministry is coordinating with banks and BDL to transfer money for students abroad
- following up with foreign missions on the departure of their citizens from Lebanon
- the ministry is following up on aids and donations presented by other countries to increase Lebanon's ability to respond to coronavirus

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

- The army:
  - carried out patrols in various Lebanese regions to ensure the closure of all cafes, shops and factories, and the commitment of the exempted institutions to the permissible working times. army also closed a number of cafes and commercial stores
  - Implemented circumstantial barriers and prevented citizens from moving on roads from 18:00 until 5:00, with the exception of those permitted to do otherwise.
  - Informed shop owners via loudspeakers to follow the decisions issued by the Council of Ministers and abide by them, and informed citizens of the importance to stay home.
  - Distributed food boxes to citizens within the framework of the CIMIC program
  - Organized crowds in front of ATMs, and dispersed gatherings.
  - Reported the closure of 57 roads in different regions.
  - Supported the municipalities in closing the violating stores, taking the citizens' temperature and sterilizing the cars.
  - Distributing social assistance to the poorest families, as part of the social emergency plan approved by the Lebanese government.
- 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. the forces also informed that sterilizing products and equipment for personal protection were distributed in Bint Jbeil by the Union of Municipalities in cooperation with the Irish contingent - UNIFIL forces.
- ISF issued 856 fines, 693 were directed at cars that violated the car plate mobility decision and 144 were directed at individuals who violated the public mobilization decision and 19 to institutions.
- The General Directorate of Civil Defense carried out 3 transportation missions 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. 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 issued fines for 10 shops. The forces also issued a number of warnings and followed up on cases in home isolations.

## Ministry of Interior and Municipalities

- The Ministry issued Memorandum No. 51 on 17-05-2020 de-



termining the opening and closing times of institutions, the mobility hours and the groups excluded from the decisions of the Council of Ministers.

- The Ministry issued Circular No. 582 on 12/5/2020 based on Cabinet Resolution No. 2 of 12/5/2020 regarding the closure of all private institutions, markets, commercial stores, educational sector, banks and others for a period of four days starting from 19:00 on Wednesday May 13 until 5am on Monday May 18. the decision excludes some institutions and prohibits daily wandering between six in the evening and five in the morning.
- Implemented the extension of the general mobilization procedures according to the decision of the Council of Ministers that was issued on 5/5/2020 and that will remain active until 24/5/2020.
- The Ministry issued Memorandum No. 48 on 2/5/2020 regarding the implementation of the second stage of opening institutions according to the decision of the Council of Ministers, which started on Monday 4/4/2020. the memo specified the opening hours for restaurants, provided that the percentage of customers does not exceed 30%, Barbers, car showrooms and car dealerships, with an emphasis on adhering to safety standards and the necessary preventive measures.
- 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>
- Issued circular No. 6476 on 4/5/2020 specifying the need of sharing the name of the responsible municipality or the Union of Municipalities without mentioning any member's name when sharing food vouchers and food boxes.

## Ministry of Social Affairs

- The Ministry of Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, is receiving complaints from citizens via its hotline, and is coordinating with the army and the government means to implement the social emergency plan approved by the Lebanese government to help the poorest families in Lebanon. Aid was distributed to the families of students in public schools and public drivers. Aid distribution started on 5/5/2020.

## Ministry of Public Works

Flight	Arrives from	Lebanese citizens on board	Arrival time
SKYLounge	Chad	10	19:00
SKYLounge	baghdad	5	18:45
MEA	abu dhabi	6	17:25
Qataria	Doha	42	12:20
SKYLounge	Amman	12	19:40
MEA	Egypt	1	17:00
<b>total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>76</b>	
departing flight	departing to	individuals on board	departing time
Qataria	Doha	27	13:20
Cargo planes	arrives from	carrying	time
DHL	Bahrain	goods	19:30
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1</b>

Port	entered			left		
	Import	Direction	#	export	Direction	#
Tripoli	sugar	egypt	1			
	corn	ukraine	1			
	containers	beirut	1			
Beirut				containers	beirut	1
<b>total</b>			<b>3</b>			<b>1</b>

### Railways and joint transportation

#### Borders and Airport

The Authority is responsible for the transportation of Lebanese arriving from the Syrian "Jdeidet Yabous" area to Lebanon on transport buses, and the Authority also carries the responsibility of transporting those arriving to Lebanon via Rafic Hariri International Airport to the isolation centers.

#### 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.

## Ministry of Labor

- On May 19, 2020, the Ministry of Labor issued a circular in which it asked the industrial sector to adhere to the guidelines for preserving the health and safety of workers, in line with Decree No. 6198/2020 (public mobilization) and the complementary decisions, particularly the Cabinet's decision No. 1 issued on April 24, 2020 related to the extension of the general mobilization declaration and the adoption of a plan to open sectors in a manner that takes into account the potential risk.
- The Ministry of Labor is discussing with representatives of the Philippine and Bangladeshi embassies the mechanism for organizing the voluntary return of workers of both nationalities to their countries.

## **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