



RECORD NUMBER OF TESTS

In the last 24 hours, a **record number of swabs were taken in order to identify people positive with Covid-19**. In all, **585 swabs were taken** in centres specifically set up for the purpose, at health centres, and at Mater Dei. Because of these, **2 more individuals were identified as having the virus**. A 35-year-old Maltese woman whose relative returned from the UK with symptoms, and a 39-year-old Maltese man who had contact at his place of work with an individual who was abroad and had symptoms. So far, the total of those who have resulted positive for the virus in our country is **151**. **Three are currently at the ITU**. The 61-year-old elderly person who had been admitted to ITU **has now been released**, and now there is another person in the ITU who has Covid-19 symptoms but who has not yet been confirmed as being positive for the virus. The health authorities' strategy remains that of **conducting more tests in order to find more cases so that these may be isolated at an early stage**.



A CRUCIAL TIME

We are at a **crucial juncture in the fight against the spread of Covid-19**. It is **more important than ever that everyone follow our country's health authorities' advice to the letter**. The relatively low number of new coronavirus cases over the past few days **does not mean anything**. It is true that we are **on the right path**, so much so that the World Health Organization gave Malta a **certificate of excellence** and stated that we are a **role model in terms of how the spread of Covid-19 should be contained**. However, if we relax our current vigilance we will be **risking a regression in our present situation, with the spread accelerating and an increase in restrictions**. The more we obey the health authorities' directives, **the sooner we will get out of the current spread of Covid-19**. All of us have to play our part ceaselessly in this regard.



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ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION

After a report about persons who were **allegedly staying at a hotel in Sliema which is supposed to be closed** through an enforcement notice, Malta Tourism Authority officials found that **80 foreign workers engaged on a local project were staying in it**. The Authority ordered that these workers stay in **alternative accommodation**. In fact, the company which employs these workers has **already found them alternative accommodation**. It was also verified that these workers **came to Malta before the mandatory quarantine regulation was introduced**. The case is in the hands of the **health authorities should further verifications be required**.



INSPECTIONS TO ENSURE OBSERVANCE OF REGULATIONS

Food and drinking establishments **continued observing regulations to remain closed**. In the last 24 hours, **470 inspections were carried out in Malta and 160 in Gozo. No breaches were found**. The police was called to **break up groups of 5 people or more who were gathered in public**. One can report abuses on **21692447**. Meanwhile in the last 24 hours, **524 inspections were carried out around Malta and Gozo**. The Police, together with the Department of Health and the Civil Protection Department, **found two individuals breaking the law and these were fined €3,000 each**. As ever, the appeal remains that **everyone should be responsible and cooperate with the directives that are being issued by the authorities**.



LEGAL NOTICES AND COVID-19

In less than two weeks, **more than 30 legal notices or orders were issued to ensure the continued health of Maltese people.** In this unprecedented situation in the country, **scientific evidence had to be evaluated in order for such measures and restrictions to be introduced.** Through legal means—via legal notices—measures to **ensure the health of those who are vulnerable, and those who are not, were taken.** The mind formulating these legal notices is that of the **Office of the State Attorney.**



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ARMS OFFICES TEMPORARILY CLOSED

As of **tomorrow**, ARMS offices in **Blata l-Bajda, Valletta, and Gozo** will remain closed until further notice. This measure is being taken **in order to safeguard the lives of clients and employees in light of the spread of Covid-19.** Clients can still utilise ARMS' services via **80072222** or **customercare@arms.com.mt**



HELPLINES

111 – For those who feel **symptoms of COVID-19** or who wish **further information**

21411 411 – For those in **mandatory quarantine** who require provisions of food and medicine

1772 – For those who are **feeling lonely**.

153 – For those who require **information** about the **financial measures** administered by the **Department for Social Security**.

144 – For those who require **information** about the **financial measures** administered by **Malta Enterprise**.

2204 2200 – For Maltese residents **who were caught in one of the high-risk countries and wish to return to Malta**

25981000 – For those who have **questions about the educational sector and the impact of the coronavirus**

21692447 – For **hoteliers and tourists** who have questions about the announced measures.

25903030 – For **elderly persons bereft of support** who need medicines, ready-made meals or food products (fruit and vegetables).

25469111 – For those who work in the **gaming industry**.