

THE COMMON GOOD, NOT INDIVIDUALS



On the occasion of the **100 days since he took oath of office**, Prime Minister **Robert Abela** addressed the nation with a **message** of **courage** and **hope** for the coming time, during which our country **will emerge stronger than ever**.

Covid-19 is **the biggest challenge in our country since World War II**. Our health system is responding with all its **resilience**. This has been recognised by the **World Health Organisation** which, among many countries, has chosen **Malta as the model for controlling the Covid-19 pandemic**.

Honour and respect on the people's behalf go to **all the heroes who are working to overcome this moment**. The professional health workers, doctors, nurses, paramedics, other healthcare staff, the police, the army, the Armed Forces maritime squadron, civil protection workers, public cleansing workers, volunteers and many others who are working in our society.

We are fighting this battle against Covid-19 because we have a **strong economy and sound finances**. We have obtained a **historical Social Pact with all social partners**, enabling us to enact **strong financial measures** to help and **protect our businesses, and safeguard their workers and the self-employed**.

In these times, **difficult but needed decisions for the common good had to be taken**, such as the closing of airport and ports including for irregular migrants.

This is a difficult time, but **our country is stronger than all of this**. This is the moment that is **defining us**.

Our ambitions remain the same. Our country will **continue to succeed**. Together, we will **achieve more success**.

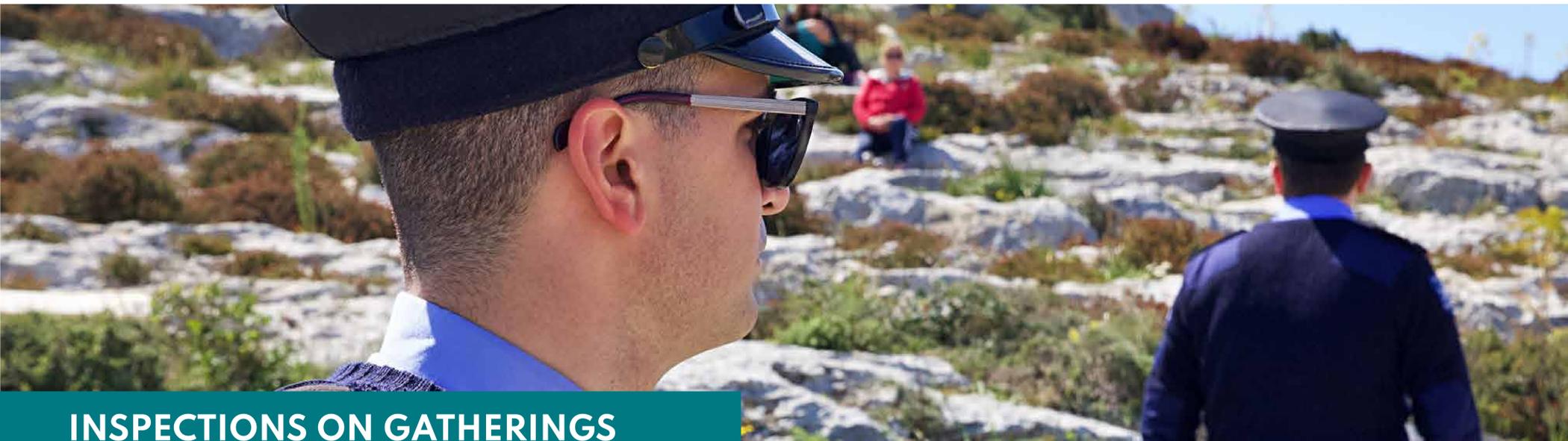


COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS



FURTHER RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

Another 15 persons have recovered from Covid-19, so that the **total of those who recovered from the virus has increased to 165, a third of those who contracted the virus**. Amongst those who recovered there are **7 elderly persons who are older than 60**. A person is considered to have recovered after having tested negative after 14 days from when they are free of symptoms. In the meantime, there was an **18-year-old female who tested positive for the virus, out of the 808 tests that were carried out**. In Malta there were **444 positive cases so far; however, there remain 276 active cases**. Health authorities have re-iterated that the low figures registered in the previous days **mean nothing, and how it is important that we continue following the social distancing measures announced, and for us not to leave our homes in vain**.



INSPECTIONS ON GATHERINGS AND THOSE QUARANTINED

24 persons were each fined €100 during the continuous rounds Police are conducting to ensure that no gatherings involving more than 3 persons take place in public place as per the legal notice issued by Government. In the meantime, **no one was found breaching obligatory quarantine during any of the 570 inspections that have been carried out in the last 24 hours**. The appeal remains for **everyone to be responsible and co-operate with the directives that are being issued by the authorities**. A hotel in St Paul's Bay was fined **€3000 after it was caught serving food and drink to two persons staying in the same hotel**.





ATTEMPTING ESCAPE

Security Forces have **caught a person who twice attempted to escape from the Hal Far open centre, which is under quarantine. The same laws for anyone who breaches obligatory quarantine apply.** This person **did not reside in the part where those who tested positive for Covid-19 were housed.** No resident resulted positive during any of the tests that were carried out. Health authorities are implementing a strategy of testing residents for the virus, group by group. Thus, those who test positive for the virus **are being taken to the Hal Far medical centre immediately, whilst those who test negative are being isolated from the rest of the residents, with the aim of arresting the spread of the virus.**



FOR THOSE VULNERABLE

Non-governmental organizations are being requested to provide a **new service to be provided by Government that is intended to, amongst others, provide transport to persons who do not have a car and who have a Covid-19 swab test appointment.** Social research commissioned by Government shows how vulnerable persons, such as those who are homeless, or substance-dependent, are **not finding a location to undergo quarantine at if necessary, or else are having mental health issues.** Thus the need was felt to create a specific procedure for them. **NGOs wishing further information are to send an email on social.accommodation@gov.mt.**



HELPLINES

111 – For those who **experience symptoms of COVID-19** or those who require further **information**

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

2294 4511/2294 4504 – To report **breaches of regulations** regarding public health and Covid-19 to the Police

1770 – Helpline for **emotional support and mental wellbeing**

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

2545 1111 – For **Mater Dei, Boffa Hospital, and Sir Anthony Mamo** healthcare workers

2364 5002 – For **Primary Health Care, Gozo General Hospital, and Mount Carmel** employees

1575 – For employees to ask about wages and employment conditions

1576 – For employers to ask about wages and employment conditions

153 – For those who require **information** about the measures of the **financial package** which are administered by the **Department of Social Security**

144 – For those who require **information** about the measures of the **financial package** which are administered by **Malta Enterprise**

2204 2200 – For Maltese residents who are **stranded in another country and wish to return to Malta**

2204 2800 – For **foreign** citizens **who wish to be repatriated**

80074313/79307307 – For those who have **difficulties regarding blood donation**

2598 1000 – For those who have **queries about the educational sector**

2169 2447 – For **hoteliers and tourists** who have queries about the announced measures

2590 3030 – For elderly **people without means of assistance** who require medicine, ready meals, or food products (fruit and vegetables)

2546 9111 – For those who work in the gaming industry.