



RECOVERY AND NEW CASES

A further **13 persons** were declared to have recovered from Covid-19, so that the total of those who are now free of the virus has now risen to **392**. After **1,071 tests** were carried out in the last 24 hours, **9 persons** were found positive – 5 of whom did not have any symptoms, and 2 persons were found positive after a test carried out on those who are about to undergo an operation. Till now, **35,012 swabs for Covid-19** have been carried out in our country, and active cases have gone down to **81**. Out of these only 14 patients are still recovered in hospitals, one of whom is in ITU. The rest of the patients are recovering in their homes, under observation of primary healthcare. This shows that, **thanks to the measures enacted to protect vulnerable persons, the majority of positive cases were those of young persons, which could be controlled without too many complications.**



REMAINING VIGILANT

The changes that will come into effect from tomorrow **have been made official by means of legal notices published on www.justiceservices.gov.mt/LegalPublications.aspx?pageid=32&type=4**. However, these measures in **no way imply that the situation is back to normal**. The virus is **still present in the community, and never has the need to maintain discipline been more acute**. The concept of **social distancing needs to be maintained**. The directives enacted by the health authorities **need to be followed, not because it's the law, but because it is important to protect oneself and one's neighbours**. Each and every one of us **needs to do their part so that the success that has been achieved will not have been in vain**. Utmost **co-operation** is needed to reach the next step. By remaining **vigilant, we can overcome this pandemic.**



HOW TO PUT THE MASK ON

As from tomorrow, **the use of a mask in the community is obligatory when one enters a shop, bank branch, or when using public transport.** When putting a mask on: 1) make sure that the **mask covers the whole of your face from where the nose starts to under your chin, and that you tighten it against your face;** 2) wash your hands **with soap and water or by alcohol sanitizer prior to putting on, or removing, the mask;** 3) **never touch your face or the mask after you've worn it;** 4) when removing the mask, **start by removing it from the back where the laces are, and never from the front;** 5) if the mask you're wearing is single-use, **make sure to dispose of it safely;** 6) if your mask is multi-use, **wash it immediately after each use, using normal detergent and at a temperature of 60 degrees Celsius.** We're to wear masks **to not transmit the virus without our realizing it.**



SHOPS AS FROM TOMORROW

The re-opening of more commercial establishments **as from tomorrow will come in a normality, and against a backdrop, that are now novel.** Just as clients need to wear a mask, **shop-keepers need to display a notice of how many clients they can admit at any one time: 1 for every 10 metres.** At shopping malls, **temperature-reading is to take place, and no customers in excess of each individual outlet's capacity may be allowed.** Sanitizers **are to be available in outlets.** These measures are intended to **safeguard both clients and shop employees.** We need to be on the same page, and **remain disciplined so that, at the end the month, more measures may be relaxed and more establishments allowed to re-open.** If discipline is not maintained, **the measures previously in force will need to be re-introduced.**



INSPECTIONS ON GATHERINGS AND THOSE QUARANTINED

A record number of 124 persons were each fined €100 during the continuous rounds Police are conducting to ensure that no gatherings involving more than 3 persons in public take place, as per the legal notice issued by Government. In the meantime, **no one was found breaching obligatory quarantine during any of the 309 inspections** carried out by Environmental Health Officers and police in the last 24 hours. The appeal remains for one and all **to be responsible and co-operate with the directives issued by the authorities.**



MATSEC EXAMINATIONS

Tomorrow, **applications for students wishing to sit for MATSEC exams in the coming September will open.** Applications, **which will be received until 10th May, can be carried out on the MATSEC website.** Those who applied for the May exams and wish to sit for the exam of the same subject **need not re-register.** Instead, **they may go on www.um.edu.mt/matsec/apply in case they wish to apply to sit for a new subject.** Those who wish to make any particular change **are to send an email with their request on registrations.matsec@um.edu.mt.** New applicants **will not be eligible to sit for the December re-sits, and students who applied for the SEC exams should re-apply in the coming July.**



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**

7974 7974 – For legal assistance in cases of **domestic violence**

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.

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