



ONE NEW CASE FROM 1,560 TESTS

In the last two days, 4 more persons, including an elderly person over 70 years of age, recovered from Covid-19, so that now the number of those who have recovered from the virus is 469. In the last 24 hours, 1,560 tests were carried out with only one case resulting positive. In the previous 24 hours, 1,358 tests were carried out and 15 persons resulted positive. Half of the cases were asymptomatic. Since the start of the pandemic in Malta, 57,784 tests were carried out and 600 tested positive. From these, 125 remain active. In hospitals there are 25 patients, none of them in the ITU, with the rest being in their homes. The health authorities will maintain this rhythm in order to increase the number of tests so as to identify more cases at an early stage. Indeed, today, more restrictive measures were relaxed, with restaurants reopening. It is safe to go to these establishments provided that the mitigation guidelines which were announced are observed.



THANKS FROM BRUSSELS

The European Commission thanked Superintendent for Public Health Charmaine Gauci for joining the global response team against Covid-19. The team was created so that the European Union takes measures against the pandemic through a united policy which ensures that no country is left behind. In a tweet, the European Commission showed its appreciation for Professor Gauci's support and said that the world will exit this situation once a working vaccine is developed and given to all populations.

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100,000 JOBS SAVED

The eighth process of social benefit payments for those persons whose employment was affected by Covid-19 was made, with a **total expenditure so far of €9.2 million**. So far, **10,692 applications have been received, of which 99% have been processed**. So far, **7,821 applications have been paid**. Among those who have **been paid are 5,891 who received parental benefits, medical or disability benefits, or unemployment benefits**. There were **488 other persons who stopped their benefits because they returned to work**. This means that **6,739 more jobs were saved**. Together with the **93,114 jobs saved by the Malta Enterprise schemes, this means that almost 100,000 jobs have been saved**.



ELDERLY PEOPLE'S HOMES

From next Monday, **relatives can start visiting their loved ones again at St Vincent de Paule**. On the advice of the health authorities, the **visits will take place from established places and from behind a perspex screen**. The visits **cannot last longer than fifteen minutes**. Before one enters the building, **they must wear a mask, have their temperature taken, and undergo individual screening**. At St Vincent de Paule, there will be **specialised parking and even a shuttle service**. In the future, this **arrangement will be extended to other elderly people's homes, both government and private ones**.



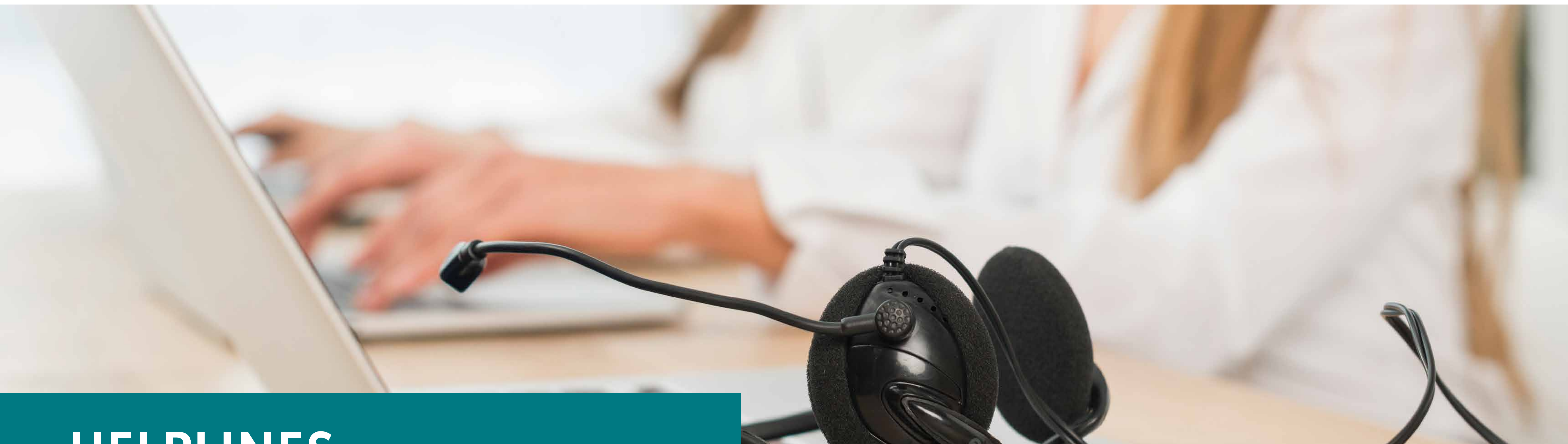
A RETURN TO SPORTS OUT IN THE OPEN

Athletes will start again practising their sport disciplines out in the open in accordance with specific protocols regulating the way they can utilise SportMalta facilities. From next Monday, the national pool and the Marsa Sports complex will open their doors, while the Ta' Kandja shooting range will open tomorrow. The facilities can be used by registered athletes. Training, among others, must be done in groups of 6, with athletes being at least 3 metres apart from each other. More information on the medicinal protocols and the use of the facilities may be obtained from www.sportmalta.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/SPORTMALTA-3.pdf.



INSPECTIONS

Over the past two days, no one was found in groups of more than 6 persons in public places as per the legal notice issued by the government. Two persons were found breaching obligatory quarantine during the inspections carried out in the last 48 hours. The appeal remains that everyone should remain responsible.



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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