



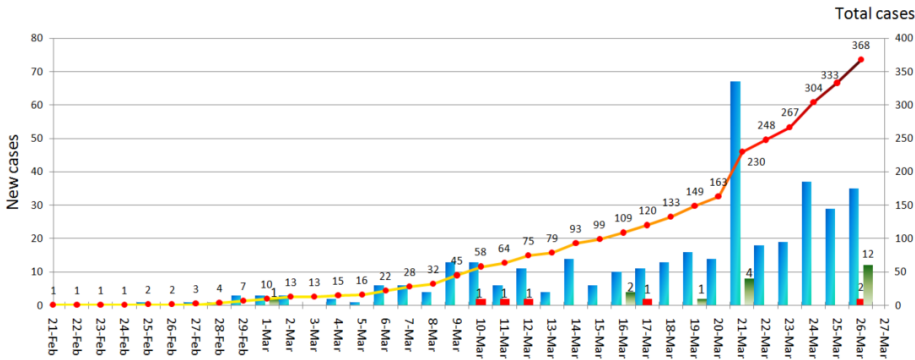
# Lebanon National Operations Room Daily Report on COVID-19 March 26, 2020

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## Cases per day



**368**

Total number of cases since Feb. 21

**35**

New cases recorded on March 26

**3**

Patients in critical condition

**6**

Total deaths

**20**

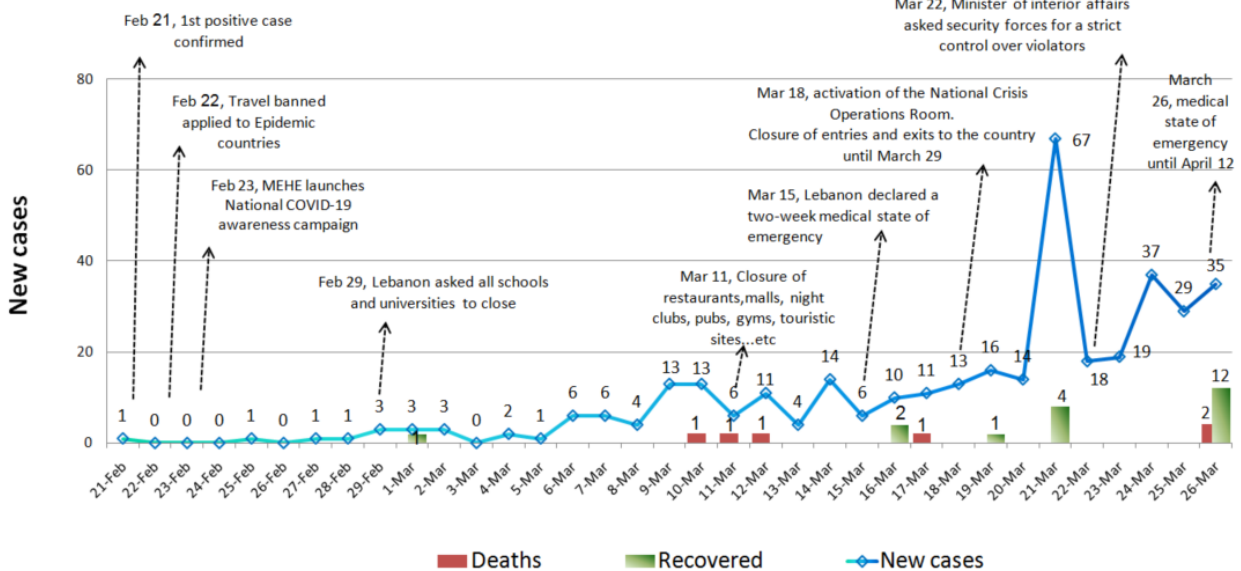
Number of cured patients

**5700**

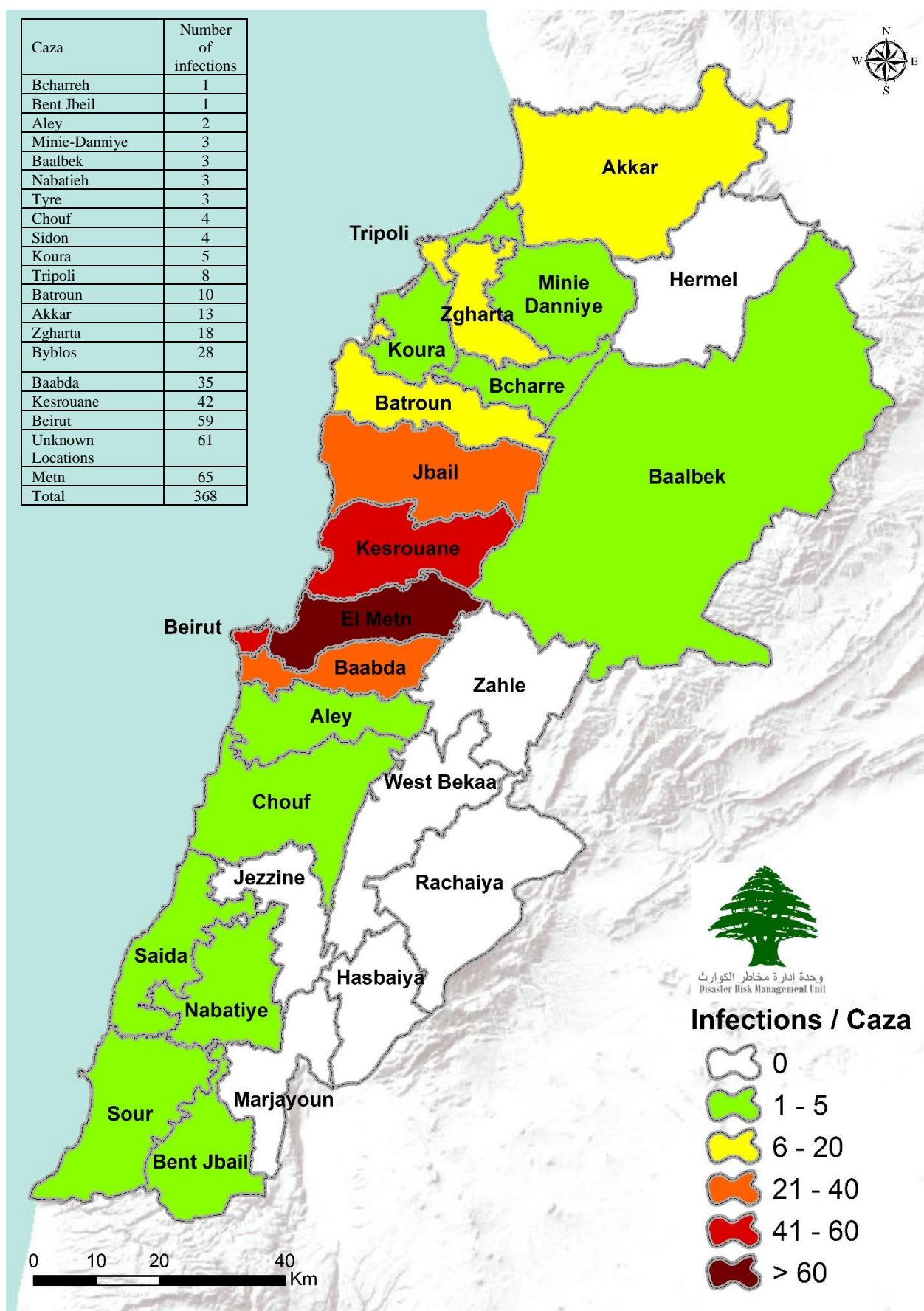
Total Coronavirus tests conducted between Feb. 21 and March 26

*Source: Ministry of Public Health*

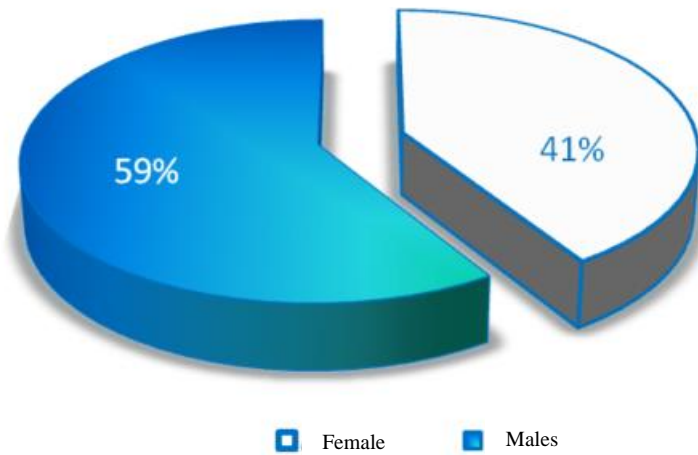
## Trend of cases vis-à-vis precautionary measures introduced by Government



## Number of Cases by Location

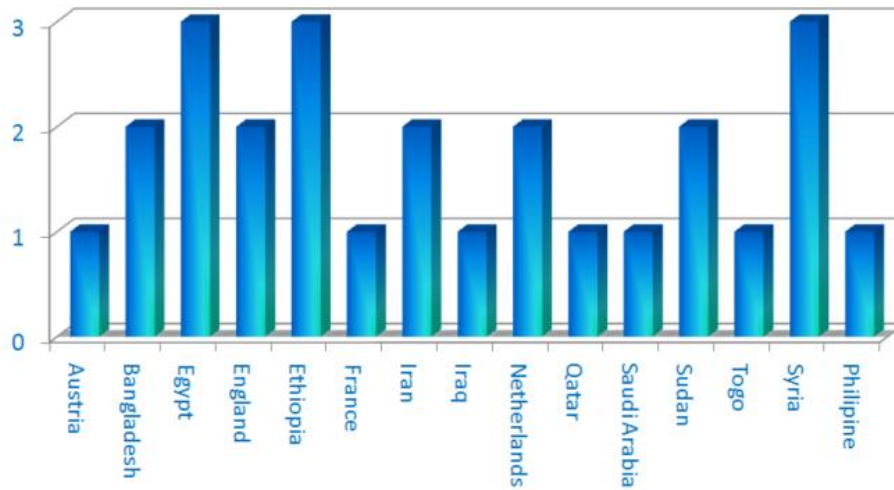


### Cases by Gender

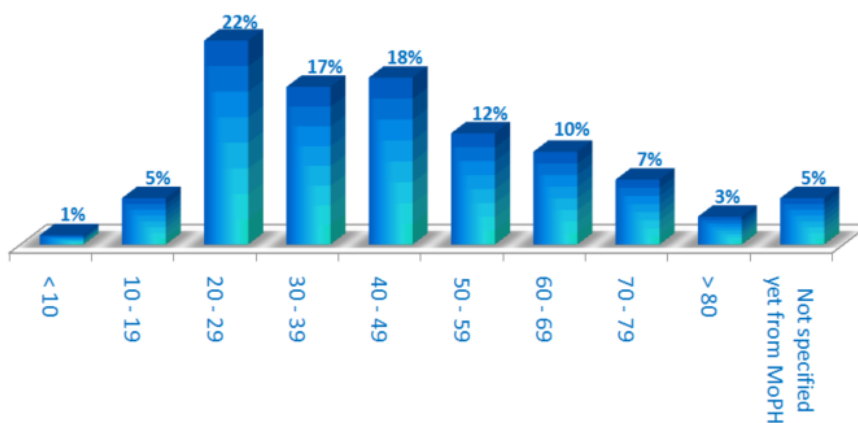


### Distribution of cases by nationality

Lebanese: 342 Cases out of 368 (93%)



### Distribution of cases by age group (%)



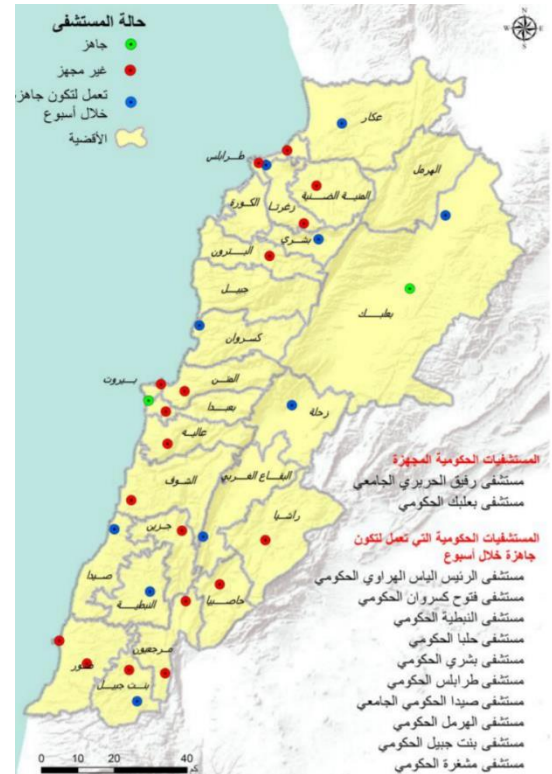
## Total Artificial Respirators in Public and Private Hospitals

	Public Hospitals	Private Hospitals	Total
Children	42	237	279
Adults	123	783	906
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1185</b>

## Existing available beds in emergency units and ICUs (both in public and private hospitals)

	Private Hospitals	Public Hospitals	Total
Number of beds in emergency units	878	215	1093
Number of beds in ICU	1972	336	2308
<b>Total number of beds (of all kinds)</b>	<b>12749</b>	<b>2446</b>	<b>15195</b>

## Level of Preparedness of Public and Private Hospitals



Status of Private Hospitals (AUBMC, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Jbeil Maounat Hospital, Alaa Eddine Hospital, and Al Roum Hospital)  
 Green: Ready  
 Yellow: District

Status of Public Hospitals  
 Green: Ready  
 Red: Not Ready  
 Yellow: District  
 Blue: Will be ready in a week

Public hospitals ready: RHUH & Baalbek Governmental Hospital  
 Public hospitals in the process of becoming ready: as Al Hrawi Hospital, Fattouh hospital, Nabatieh Governmental Hospital, Halba Governmental Hospital, Bshareh Governmental Hospital, Tripoli Governmental hospital, Saïda Governmental Hospital, Hermel Governmental Hospital, bint Jbeil Governmental Hospital, Mashghara Governmental Hospital.

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## Laboratories Allowed to Conduct COVID-19 Tests (Ministry of Public Health)

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Name of Laboratory	Location
Rafic Hariri University Hospital	Beirut
AUB	Beirut
Merieux / USJ	Beirut
Saint Georges Roub	Wata A'mara Shalhoub
Rizk LAU	Beirut
Alaa Eddine Hospital	Sidon
Baalbek Governmental Hospital	Baalbek

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## Objectives of the National Operations Room

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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.

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## Measures Introduced in Dealing with the Pandemic of COVID-19

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### Ministry of Public Health

- Issued a [daily report](#) on new cases and the status of existing cases in government and private hospitals.
- Continues to equip government hospitals in aim of raising bed capacities.

### Lebanese Red Cross

- 384 new suspected cases were transferred to hospitals (24 new cases)
- 572 trained paramedics
- 520 volunteers
- 26 trained ambulance centers

*Details on the Lebanese Red Cross' [official website](#)*

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

- The Lebanese army and other security services implemented strict measures on all Lebanese territory to ensure public mobilization.
- The army closed 384 shops, dispersed 30 public gatherings in different regions and specifically in vegetable markets, and aided a number of municipalities in raising awareness and sterilizing its regions. The army also controlled the entrances to Nahr El-Bared camp.
- General Security Forces tracked potential cases in various Lebanese regions and ensured that they're adhering to the terms of home isolation.
- ISF issued a number of written warnings to institutions and individuals that violated the [decisions of the Council of Ministers](#).
- Ensured that supermarket prices were not altered and closed 15 stores and cafes.
- The General Directorate of Civil Defense aided 75 different municipalities in making sure that the temperature of those entering and exiting the area is in the safe range. They also aided municipalities in sterilizing roads and buildings' entrances. The General Directorate of Civil Defense also ensured that citizens are adhering to the terms of home isolation.
- State Security Forces collected information from various Lebanese regions, closed commercial stores because they not adhere to health standards. State Security Forces also supported the municipal police.

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Contacted Lebanese embassies and consulates to monitor the situation of the Lebanese abroad, and to ensure that their requirements are secured and that their life conditions are fine.
- The crisis unit at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held and prepares to hold more meetings to study and discuss the state of Lebanese living abroad, especially students.

- Daily communication on all procedures, measures and issued decisions is occurring with the Lebanese embassies and foreign missions.
- Issued decision 1543/5, which requests from the Lebanese diplomatic and consulate missions to follow up on the situation of the Lebanese abroad.
- Circulating bank account numbers to receive financial assistance and the address of the High Relief Commission to receive other kinds of assistance (decision 1381/5).

#### Ministry of Education and Higher Education

- Public high school principals and supervisors attended schools and prepared e-learning material for students.

#### Ministry of Public Works and Transport

- A private plane exited Lebanon at noon to Doha, then to Australia, with five Australian citizens on board.
- An Italian military plane with UN personnel on board landed at 3:15 pm and exited at 4:30 pm.
- A DHL cargo plane landed at 6:45 pm and is expected to leave at 8:15 pm.
- A Turkish cargo plane loaded with goods landed at 6:45 pm and is expected to leave at 8:15 pm.

#### Ministry of Interior and Municipalities

- The Ministry issued a schedule determining the opening and closing hours of institutions that are exempted from the Cabinet Resolution No. 1, which was issued on 3/15/2020, and Resolution 53/2020, which was issued on 3/24/2020.

#### Ministry of Energy and Water

- The Ministry of Energy and Water issued Circular No. [2/2020](#) on March 23, 2020 extending all contractual deadlines until the end of the state of health emergency.

### Actions Taken at the Governorate and Municipal Level

Governorate	Total number of individuals in home isolation	level of commitment to circulars by governorates
		General Percentage
North	110	100%
Akkar	270	90%
Baalbek-Hermel	50	95%
Bekaa	38	87%
Mount Lebanon	261	90%
South	120	95%
Nabatieh	98	95%

Governorate	Level of commitment to the decision to close all businesses	Sectors violating closure decision
North	85%	Public gatherings
Akkar	85%	Some municipalities are not abiding by the public mobilization decision
Baalbek-Hermel	95%	Baalbek's shopping center, rock crushers, condolence events, shops, and workshops
Bekaa	95%	Motorcyclists and private businesses
Mount Lebanon	90%	Commercial institutions and private businesses
South	90%	Commercial institutions and private businesses

Nabatieh	95%	Commercial institutions and private businesses
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### **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 76/592699

### **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