

Lebanon National Operations Room Daily Report on COVID-19

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Comparison between Lebanon and other countries

	Lebanon	Internationally
Total registered cases	954	4,924,016
Total deaths	26	320,792
Percentage of deaths	2.72%	6.51%
Number of recoveries	251	1,928,091

*the above data was last updated at 3pm





Chronology of decisions according to number of cases



Distribution of cases by nationality

Total cases



Distribution of cases by age group (%)







Location	Laboratories designated by MoPH to undertake testing
Beirut Beirut	Rafic Hariri University Hospital AUBMC
Beirut	HDF /Merieux / USJ
Beirut	Saint Georges Roum
Kesrouane	Bouar Governmental Hospital
Beirut	Rizk LAU
Byblos	Notre Dames de Secours
Baalbek	Baalbek Governmental Hospital
Tripoli	New Mazloum Hospital
Koura	Haykel Hospital
Metn	Hopital Dr. S. Serhal
Metn	Hospital of Bhannes
Beirut	Lebanese Hospital Geitaoui
Baabda	Mount Lebanon Hospital
Baabda	Saint George Hospital
Chouf	Ain Wazain Hospital
Sidon	Hammoud Hospital
Baalbek	Dar El Amar Hospital
Nabatieh	Al Shiekh Ragheb Hareb
Baabda	Al Hadi laboratories
byblos	Akiki Laboratories
Tyre	Al Mashrek
Beirut	Doctor's center
Sidon	Al Karim Labs
Nabatieh	SDC labs
Baabda	Inovie labs
Metn	TransMedical labs
Zahle Zahle	MCC Labs
Zame	Elias Al Hrawi Hospital



Number of indivduals in home isolation and percentage of commitment to isolation





Distribution of deaths by age





Number of Cases by Location



Level of Preparedness of Public and Private Hospitals



Status of prviate hospitals: AUBMC, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Jbeil Maounat Hospital, Al Roum Hospital

Status of public hospitals Green: Ready - Blue: Will be ready in a week Red: Not ready - Yellow: District Public hospitals ready: RHUH, Baalbek Governmental Hospital, Bouar Governmental Hospital, Halba Governmental Hospital, Bshareh Governmental Hospital, Tipoli Govern-mental Hospital, Bint Jbeil Governmental Hospital, Mashghara governmental Hospital, Nabatieh Governmental Hospital, Hermel Governmental Hospital, Al Hrawi Hospital, Fattouh Hospital. Fattouh Hospital. In process of becoming ready: Saida hospital

Green: Ready Yellow: District

Isolation centers approved by The Committee for the Follow up on Coronavirus Preventive Measures and Procedures

Thursday, April 30, 2020

The committee responsible for specifying potential isolation centers includes an officer from the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council of Defense, a medical doctor in the army, an engineer from the army, and a representative from the Order of Nurses in Lebanon.

The committee aims to inspect possible isolation centers in coordination with the concerned governorates and municipalities.

The National Committee recommended that governors and municipalities should monitor the implementation and operation of refugees' isolation centers that were approved in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health, the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) and through following the reference manual for the management of isolation centers that have been circulated by the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities.

Governorate	Number of isolation centers	Number of isolation centers for refugees		
Mount Lebanon	17	1		
North	2			
South	4	2		
Akkar	11	2		
Bekaa	10	4		
Beirut		1		
Total	44	10		

Governorate	Level of commitment to the decision to close all businesses	Sectors violating closure decision
Beirut	60%	Commercial stores, violating the curfew decision. lack of adherence to precautionary measures cafes
North	55%	non-compliance with the preventive measures in violations of the curfew decisions, gatherings,
Akkar	60%	gatherings in front of ATMs and banks, gatherings in vegetable markets, non-compliance with preventive measures and violating of the curfew decision
Baalbek-Hermel	45%	violations of the car mobility decision, and the curfew decision, daily gatherings in Labwah Square and Ras al-Ain, traffic, non-compliance with preventive measures s in commercial shops and food stores, gatherings in front of banks, money transfer shops and ATM machines, free professions, youth gatherings
Bekaa	50%	traffic, violating the car mobility decision, lack of commitment by commercial shops and free professions to opening and closing times, overcrowded shops and markets and lack of adherence to precautionary measures and procedures, gatherings in front of banks and ATMs
Mount Lebanon	70%	gatherings in neighborhoods and food markets and beaches and ATM machines. gatherings in food stores and non-compliance with safety and preventive measures, violating the curfew decision
South	70%	Violating the car mobility decision and the curfew decision, gatherings in public spaces beaches and in sidon and tyre, free proffession
Nabatieh	70%	Gatherings in front of banks. non-compliance of citizens with preventive measures, gatherings in shops, violating the car mobility decision and the curfew decision

Ministry of Public Health

- Implementing a wide campaign in various Lebanese regions to examine those who have been in contact with other cass in aim of updating the epidemiological curve.
- Issued a daily report on new cases and the status of existing cases in government and private hospitals.
- Implemented the health measures agreed upon within the Lebanese government's plan to return Lebanese expatriates during flights and at the airport, and defined the required isolation procedures according to the health status of expatriates in coordination with the Committee for the Follow up on Coronavirus Preventive Measures and Procedures, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, the General Directorate of Public Security and Middle East Airlines.
- Following up on the health situation of expatriates who have returned to Lebanon.
- Conducting and following up on conducted PCR tests for citizens in various Lebanese regions.
- The Ministry of Public Health has started increasing the number of PCR examinations and distributing medical supplies to government hospitals as part of its plan that focuses on random sampling every day in various Lebanese regions, which will allow to define the epidemic stage and take appropriate decisions.
- Follow-uped up on the PCR tests of citizens in different Lebanese regions and matched the results.
- Received medical assistance from other countries to increase the capacity of hospitals and medical personnel.

12422 new: 866	Number of PCR tests transferred to laboratories	11	Number of additional ambulance centers ready to respond	36	ambulance centers	1,310 new: 25	cases transferred to hospitals
138	Number of volunteers trained to transfer PCR tests	1,344	Number of trained paramedics	2,591 new: 332	total number of respondents	57,127 new: 86	number of those benefiting from awareness *sessions
791	The number of university volunteers trained to follow up on prevention measures in companies and institutions	217	Number of university volunteers trained to conduct awareness sessions	520	total LRC volunteers for covid19	2264 new: 332	number of trained managers for isolation centers
2,059 new: 16	Number of beneficiaries from educational electronic حول platforms COVID-19	28,920	Number of distributed equipment **	1,169,391	total distriibuted posters, brochures, and flyers on covid19 prevention	313 New: 1	number of rpisons that have been disinfected

Lebanese Red Cross

* Includes: COIVD-19 awareness sessions; awareness about the measures to take when returning to work and advanced training for field workers.

** Includes: medical and sterilization equipment.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- The ministry was informed that several expatriated donated money to governmental hospitals and the medical staff.
- The Ministry is following up with the Lebanese missions and consulates to organize the nominal regulations for expatriate students with limited financial capabilities who will be

provided with financial assistance.

- The Ministry is coordinating with banks and BDL to tranfer money for students abroad
- following up with foreign missions on the departure of their citizens from lebanon
- the ministry is following up on aids and donations presented by other countries to increase Lebanon's ability to respond to coronavirus

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

• The army:

-carryed out patrols in various Lebanese regions to ensure the closure of all cafes, shops and factories, and the commitment of the exempted institutions to the permissible working times. army also closed 30 commercial stores

-Implemented circumstantial barriers and prevented citizens from moving on roads from 18:00 until 5:00, with the exception of those permitted to do otherwise.

- Informed shop owners via loudspeakers to follow the decisions issued by the Council of Ministers and abide by them, and informed citizens of the importance to stay home.

- -Organized crowds in front of ATMs, and dispersed gatherings.
- Reported the closure of 62 roads in different regions.

- Supported the municipalities in closing the violating stores, taking the citizens' temperature and sterilizing the cars.

-Distributing social assistance to the poorest families, as part of the social emergency plan approved by the Lebanese government.

- General Security Forces followed up on the airport's set regulations for the return of Lebanese expatriates to their homeland and tracked potential cases in various Lebanese regions and ensured that they're adhering to the terms of home isolation. In addition, they dispersed several gatherings and aided several municipalities in issuing several written warnings to institutions and individuals that did not adhere to the decisions of the Council of Ministers. the forces also organized the entry of 150 lebanese individuals through the borders throguh conducting the necessary pcr tests and transferring arrivals to isolation centers.
- ISF issued 1190 fines, 963 were directed at cars that violiated the car plate mobility decision and 227 were direct at individuals who at violated the public mobilization decision. Since March 8, ISF has issued 34302 fines
- The General Directorate of Civil Defense carried out 11 transportation mission for dialysis patients to hospitals based on the Minister of Interior and Municipalities Decision No. 479/2020. It also prepared 427 personnel and 67 ambulances, to interfere, when necessary, and transport those infected with the emerging coronavirus. The directorate also carried out sterilization missions in public and private areas that were excluded from the decision to close.
- State Security Forces visited different Lebanese regions and issued fines for 10 shops. The forces also issues a number of warnings and followed up on cases in home isolations.

Ministry of Interior and Municipalities

• The Ministry issued Memorandum No. 51 on 17-05-2020 determining the opening and closing times of institutions, the mobility hours and the groups ecluded from the decisions of the Council of Ministers.

- The Ministry issued Circular No. 582 on 12/5/2020 based on Cabinet Resolution No. 2 of 12/5/2020 regarding the closure of all private institutions, markets, commercial stores, educational sector, banks and others for a period of four days starting from 19:00 on Wednesday May 13 until 5am on Monday May 18. the deicison exludes some institutions and prohibits daily wandering between six in the evening and five in the morning.
- Implemented the extension of the general mobilization procedures according to the decision of the Council of Ministers that was issued on 5/5/2020 and that will remain active until 24/5/2020.
- The Ministry issued Memorandum No. 48 on 2/5/2020 regarding the implementation of the second stage of opening institutions according to the decision of the Council of Ministers, which started on Monday 4/4/2020. the memo specified the opening hours for restaurants, provided that the percentage of customers does not exceed 30%, Barbers, car showrooms and car dealerships, with an emphasis on adhering to safety standards and the necessary preventive measures.
- The Ministry issued the instructions for the electronic joint platform for municipalities (IMPACT) for evaluation, coordination and follow-up in order to facilitate the follow-up of health, social and security issues resulting from the coronavirus outbreak. The project is a partnership between the ministries of the Interior and Municipalities, Public Health, and Social Affairs and with the National Operations Room https://cp.interior.gov.lb
- Issued circular No. 6476 on 4/5/2020 specifying the need of sharing the name of the responsible municipality or the Union of Municipalities without mentioning any member's name when sharing food vouchers and food boxes.

Ministry of Socail Affairs

• The Ministry of Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, is receiving complaints from citizens via its hotline, and is coordinating with the army and the government means to implement the social emergency plan approved by the Lebanese government to help the poorest families in Lebanon. Aid was distributed to the families of students in public schools and public drivers. Aid distribution started on 5/52020.

Ministry of Public Works						
Flight	Arrives from	Lebanese citizens on	Arrival time			
		board				
SKYLOUNGE	baghdad	1	12:15			
MEA	kuwait	1	14:20			
MEA	london	85	01:35			
MEA	kuwait	130	13:00			
MEA	Doha	130	14:30			
MEA	georgia	85	16:00			
MEA	paris	85	18:00			
MEA	Abidjan	130	23:30			
total		647	8			
departing flight	departing to	individuals on board	departing time			
MEA	kuwait	3	9:00			
Cargo planes	arrives from	carrying	time			
QATAR AIR	Doha	goods	07:00			
MEA	Bahrain	goods	21:30			
TOTAL			2			

Railways and joint transportation
Borders and Airport
cated 25 buses to transport Lebanese expats from Rafic Hariri International
ort to the hotels designated by the Ministry of Public Health in coordination

with the security services.

Port	e	entered			left		
	Import	Direction	#	export	Direction	#	
Beirut	wheat	ukraine	1	empty	turkey	1	
	gaz	greece	1	containers	ttripoli	1	
				containers	turkey	1	
tripoli	trucks and	turkey	1	empty	turkey	1	
	goods						
	containers	beirut	1				
chekka	chemicals	turkey	2				
		6			4		

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- The airport: All arrivals through Rafic Hariri International Airport are subject to health and security measures approved in the plan for the return of Lebanese expatriates by the Ministry of Public Health, the General Directorate of General Security and the General Directorate of Civil Aviation.
- Ports: Before allowing any vessel to enter the campus's harbor, the entire crew of the vessel is examined by a device approved by the Ministry of Public Health to ensure that there are no infections.

Ministry of Education and Higher Education

The Minister of Education and Higher Education announced the cancellation of the 2020 secondary official exams. Students will receive certificates based on specific regulation. Additionally, he announced that schools and specialized centers for people with special needs will be postponed until the further notice. He also announced that the academic year will continue remotely in all vocational and university insitutions.

Ministry of Labor

- On May 19, 2020, the Ministry of Labor issued a circular in which it asked the industrial sector to adhere to the guidelines for preserving the health and safety of workers, in line with Decree No. 6198/2020 (public mobilization) and the complementary decisions, particularly the Cabinet's decision No. 1 issued on April 24, 2020 related to the extension of the general mobilization declaration and the adoption of a plan to open sectors in a manner that takes into account the potential risk.
- The Ministry of Labor is discussing with representatives of the Philippine and Bangladeshi embassies the mechanism for organizing the voluntary return of workers of both nationalities to their countries.

Objectives of the National Operations Room

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.

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 01-594459

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