



Lebanon National Operations Room

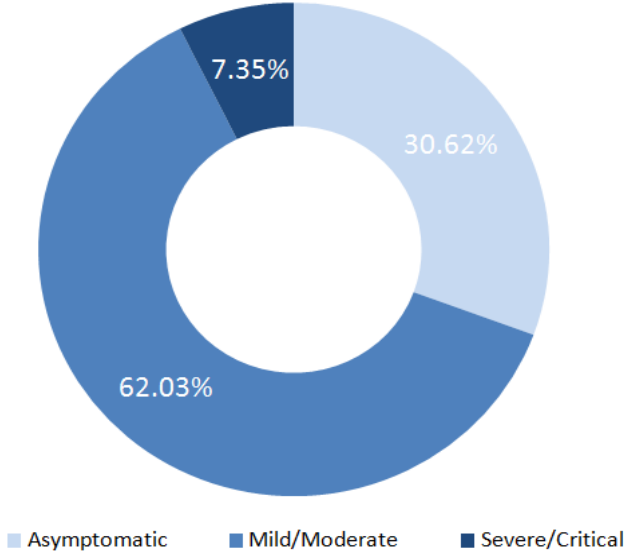
Daily Report on COVID-19

Saturday, May 16, 2020

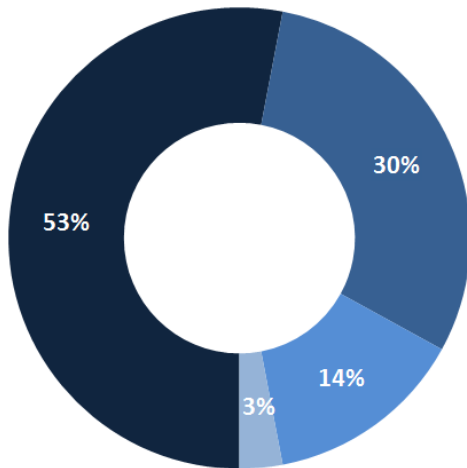
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Status of Cases



■ Asymptomatic ■ Mild/Moderate ■ Severe/Critical



■ Contact with confirmed case ■ Travel related ■ Under investigation ■ Unidentified

Total registered cases since Feb. 21	902
locals	767
Lebanese expats	124
Recoveries	247
Deaths	26
Total registered cases in the past 24 hrs.	11
locals	5
Lebanese expats	6
Conducted PCR tests in labs since Feb. 21	50,513
PCR tests conducted in the last 24 hrs.	1,348
PCR tests conducted in the airport since April 5	8,649
PCR tests conducted in the airport in the last 24 hrs.	524
Total conducted PCR tests since Feb. 21	59,162

629 current registered cases

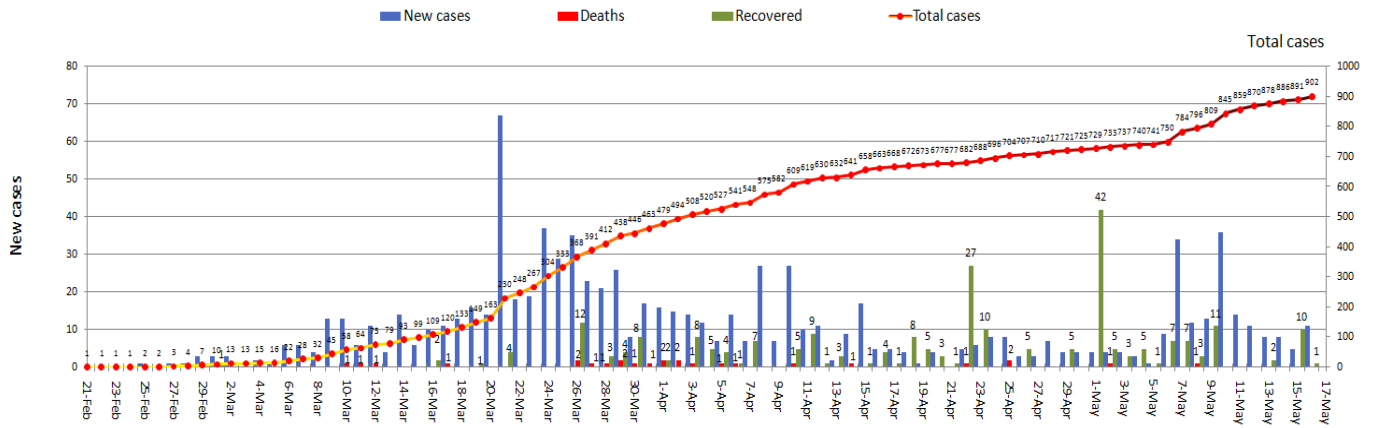
603 in home isolation
29 are currently hospitalized
23 mild cases
3 in ICU

Comparison between Lebanon and other countries

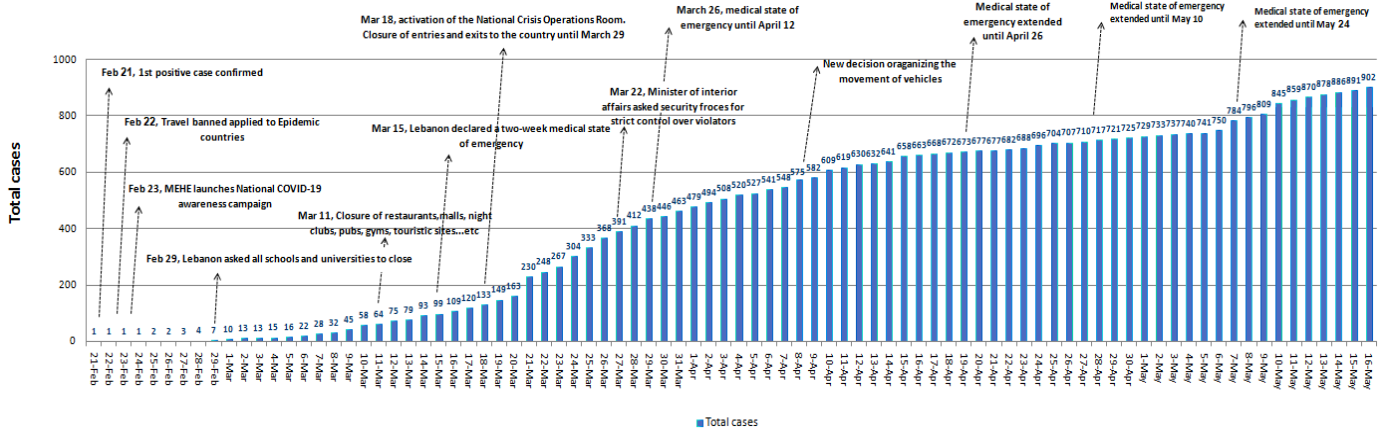
	Lebanon	Internationally
Total registered cases	902	4,646,079
Total deaths	26	309,047
Percentage of deaths	2.88%	6.65%
Number of recoveries	246	1,771,779

*the above data was last updated at 3pm

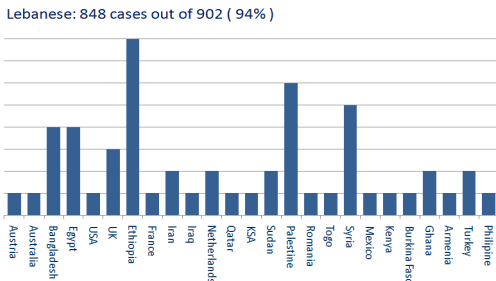
Cases per Day



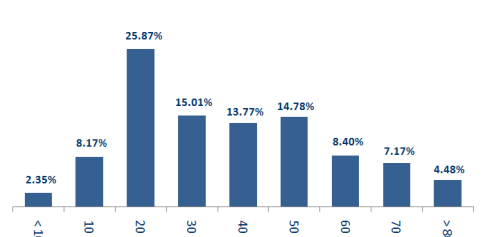
Chronology of decisions according to number of cases



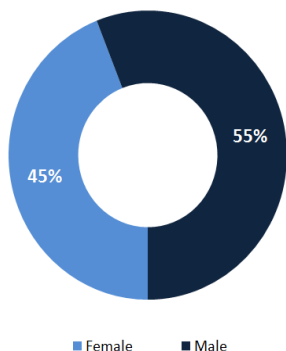
Distribution of cases by nationality



Distribution of cases by age group (%)

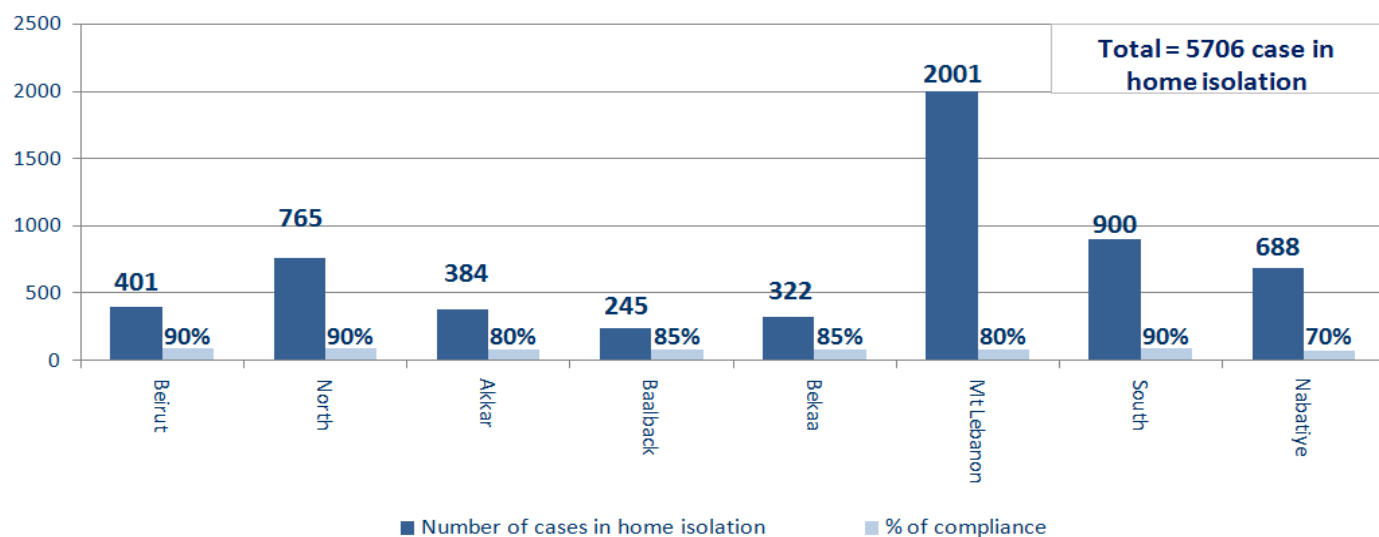


Distribution of cases by gender (%)

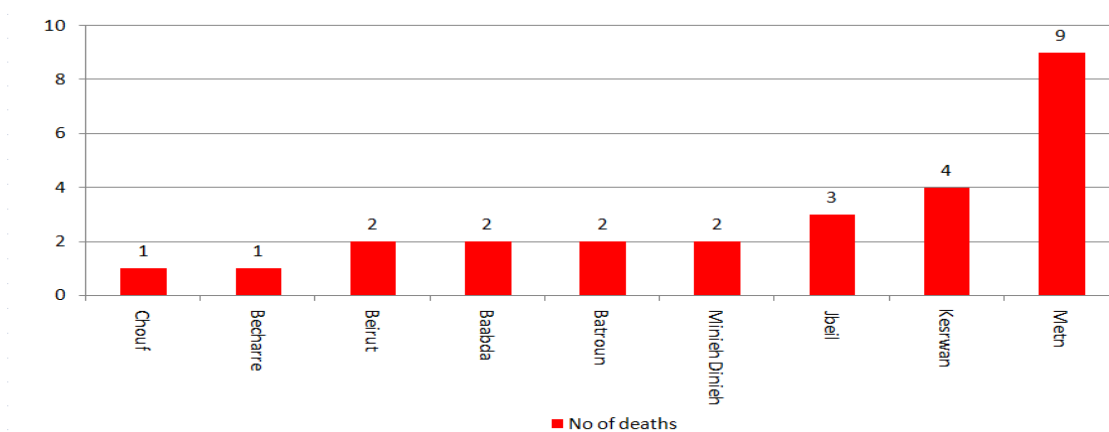


Location	Laboratories designated by MoPH to undertake testing
Beirut	Rafic Hariri University Hospital
Beirut	AUBMC
Beirut	HDF /Merieux / USJ
Beirut	Saint Georges Roun
Kesrouane	Bouar Governmental Hospital
Beirut	Rizk LAU
Byblos	Notre Dames de Secours
Baalbek	Baalbek Governmental Hospital
Tripoli	New 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	MCC Labs
Zahle	Elias Al Hrawi Hospital

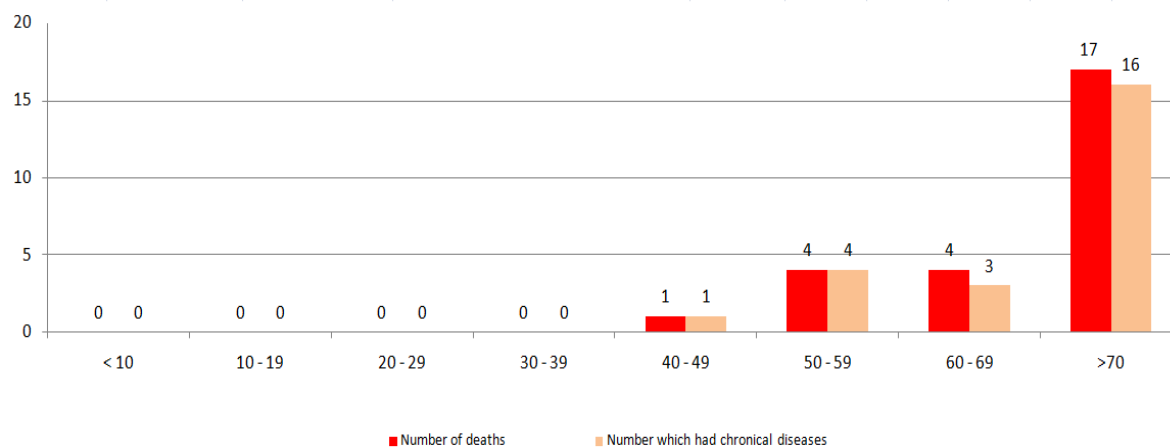
Number of individuals in home isolation and percentage of commitment to isolation



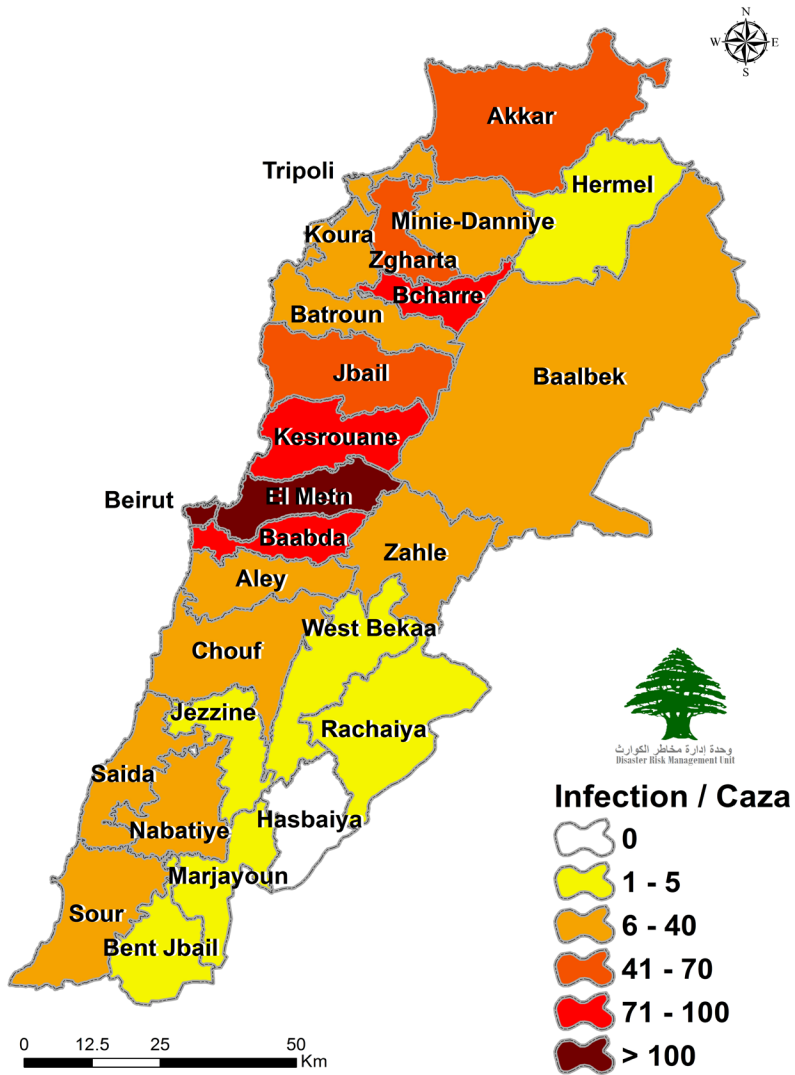
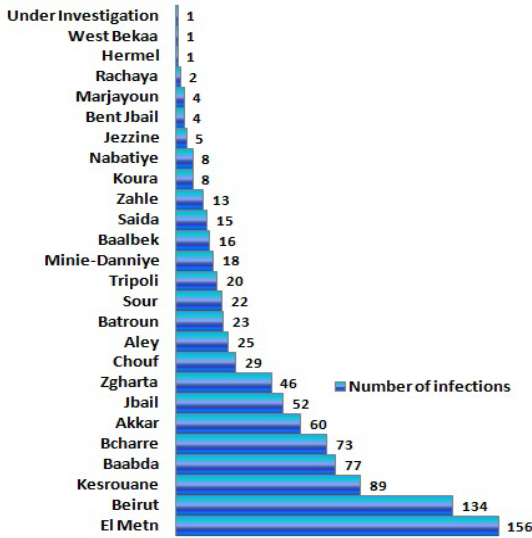
Distribution of deaths by governorates



Distribution of deaths by age



Number of Cases by Location



Daily distribution of cases per municipality

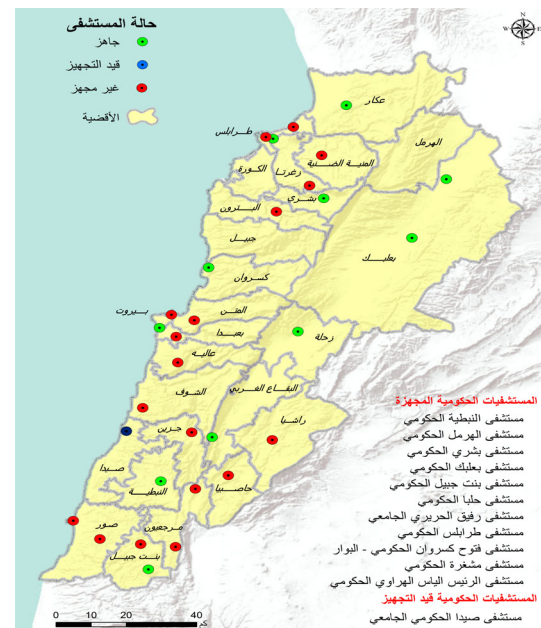
Municipality	Number of cases
Mansouri (Sour)	4
Chhim (Chouf)	3
Ain Tineh (Beqaa Gharby)	1
Ras Nabaa (Beirut)	1
Hadath (Baalbek)	1
Miziara (Zgharta)	1
Sum	11

Level of Preparedness of Public and Private Hospitals



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

Green: Ready
Yellow: District



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, Bsharah Governmental Hospital, Tripoli Governmental Hospital, Bint Jbeil Governmental Hospital, Mashghara governmental Hospital, Nabatieh Governmental Hospital, Hermel Governmental Hospital, Al Hrawi Hospital, Fattouh Hospital.
In process of becoming ready: Saida hospital

Actions Taken at the Governorate and Municipal Level

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	70%	Commercial stores, private businesses, violating the car mobility decision, violating the curfew decision, lack of adherence to precautionary measures
North	65%	Protests, non-compliance with the preventive measures in some commercial establishments and shops, violations of the car mobility and curfew decisions, traffic
Akkar	70%	traffic, gatherings in front of ATMs and banks, violations of the car mobility decision and general mobilization, gatherings in vegetable markets and in front of shops and food stores, non-compliance with preventive measures and violating of the curfew decision
Baalbek-Hermel	60%	Violating the car mobility and curfew decision, gatherings in front of banks, gatherings in Labuwa and Ras al Ayn, mosque's lack of adherence to the closure decision, commercial stores, construction sites
Bekaa	75%	traffic, restaurants, cafes, non-compliance of citizens with preventive measures, violation of the car mobility decision, shops, free professions
Mount Lebanon	70%	traffic, gatherings in neighborhoods, gatherings in front of ATMs, gatherings in food stores and non-compliance with safety and preventive measures, shops, express shops, free professions
South	75%	Violating the car mobility decision and the curfew decision, gatherings inside shops, traffic, gatherings of citizens, gatherings in front of banks, free professions, commercial stores
Nabatieh	75%	Gatherings in food stores, non-compliance of citizens with preventive measures, gatherings and demonstrations, shops, free professions, violating 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 cases 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.

Lebanese Red Cross

11,069 new: 512	Number of PCR tests transferred to laboratories	11	Number of additional ambulance centers ready to respond	36	ambulance centers	1,204 new: 28	cases transferred to hospitals
138	Number of volunteers trained to transfer PCR tests	1,344	Number of trained paramedics	2,153 new: 102	total number of respondents	56,312 :new 1149	number of those benefiting from awareness sessions
791 new: 212	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	1,826 new: 102	number of trained managers for isolation centers
2,037 new: 26	Number of beneficiaries from educational electronic platforms COVID-19	28,920 new: 250	Number of distributed equipment **	1,169,391	total distributed posters, brochures, and flyers on covid19 prevention	312	number of prisons that have been disinfected

* Includes: COVID-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 expatriates 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 transfer 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
- Note:
- The link for the Lebanese who wish to return to Lebanon: <https://mfa.gov.lb/arabic/return-to-lebanon>
- The link for expatriate students: <https://mfa.gov.lb/arabic/students-abroad>

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

- The army:
 - carried 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.
 - 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 77 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. additionally, they issued a new circular regarding the organization of voluntary return trips to evacuate foreign workers willing to return voluntarily to their country, in coordination with the relevant departments and embassies as of 20/05/2020. evictions will begin for Egyptian and Ethiopian nationals.
- ISF issued 1,091 fines, 744 were directed at cars that violated the car mobility decision, 298 were directed at individuals and 49 were directed at institutions that violated the public mobilization decision. ISF has issued 31,152 fines since March 8.
- The General Directorate of Civil Defense carried out 9 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 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 decision excludes 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 Social 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 5/5/2020.

Ministry of Labor

- In support of Decree No. 6198/2020, the ministry issued a circular in which it asked the retail sector to adhere to the guidelines on occupational health and safety against COVID19.
- The Ministry of Labor is discussing with the General Directorate of Civil Aviation and representatives of the Ministry of Labor and the General Directorate of Public Security the mechanisms that must be adopted to coordinate the organization of flights to return workers and foreign workers who wish to return to their countries.

Ministry of Public Works

Railways and joint transportation

Borders and Airport

Allocated 25 buses to transport Lebanese expats from Rafic Hariri International Airport to the hotels designated by the Ministry of Public Health in coordination with the security services.

Flight	Arrives from	Lebanese citizens on board	Arrival time
MEA	France	1	19:35
MEA	Kinshasa	130	00:30
MEA	london	85	01:35
MEA	cairo	124	13:00
MEA	riyadh	124	14:00
MEA	jeddah	124	15:00
MEA	paris	240	18:00
MEA	Geneva	124	19:00
MEA	Brussels	124	20:00
MEA	abu dhabii	124	21:00
MEA	dubai	240	22:00
total		1.440	11
Cargo planes	arrives from	carrying	time
DHL	Amman	goods	21:25
TOTAL			1

Port	entered			left		
	Import	Direction	#	export	Direction	#
Beirut	Livestock	spain	1			
	wheat	Ukraine	1			
	containers	egypt	1			
			3			

Notes:

- 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.

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