



Lebanon National Operations Room

Daily Report on COVID-19

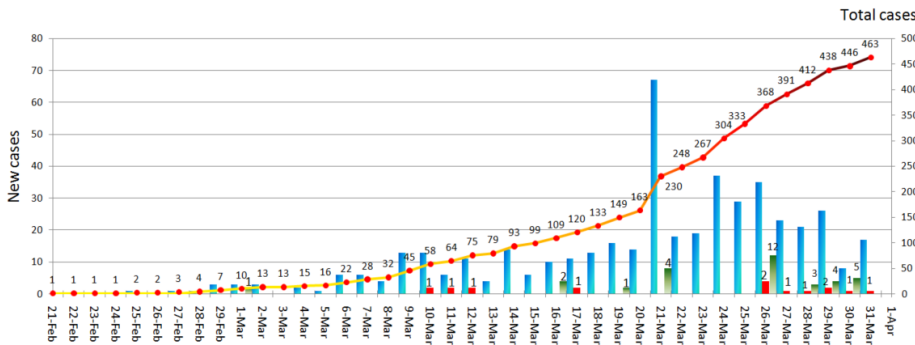
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Cases per day



463

Total number of cases since Feb. 21

17

New cases

8

Patients in critical condition

12

Total deaths

35

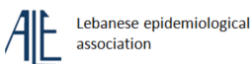
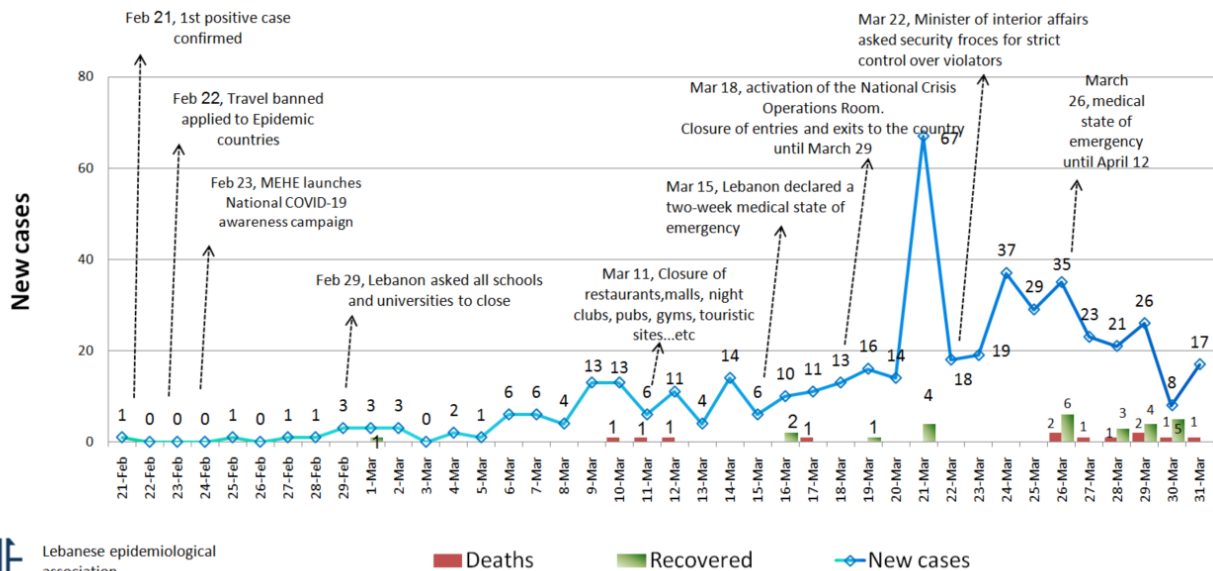
Number of recovered patients

6799

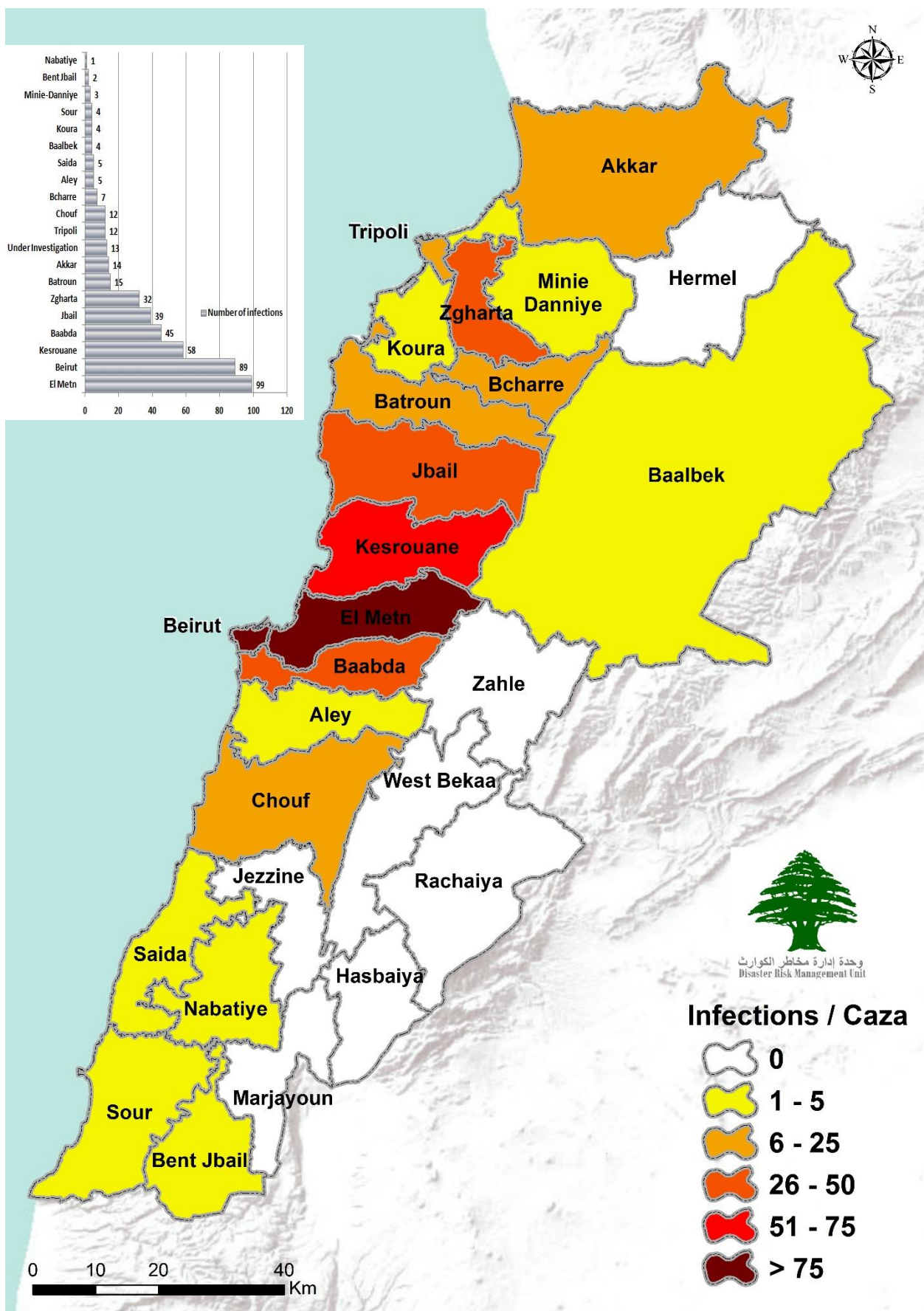
Total Coronavirus tests conducted since Feb. 21

Source: Ministry of Public Health

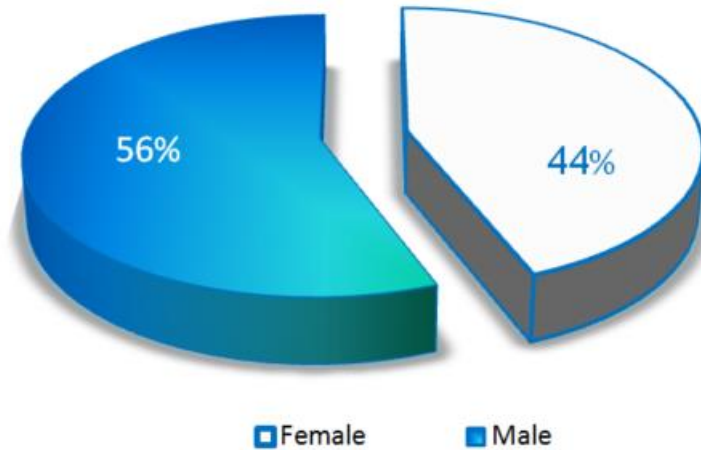
Trend of cases vis-à-vis precautionary measures introduced by Government



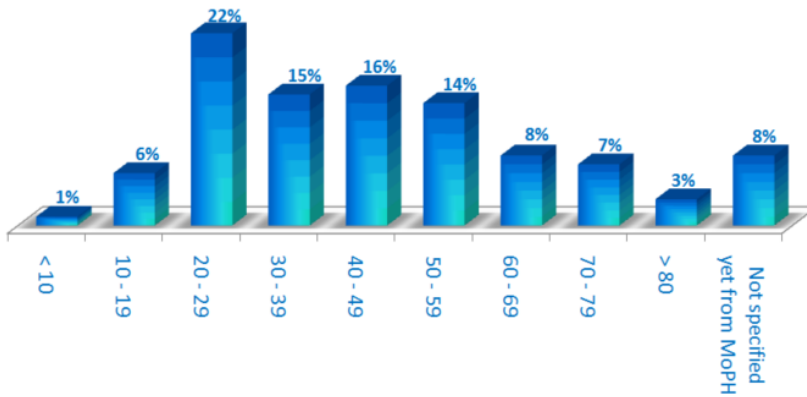
Number of Cases by Location



Cases by Gender

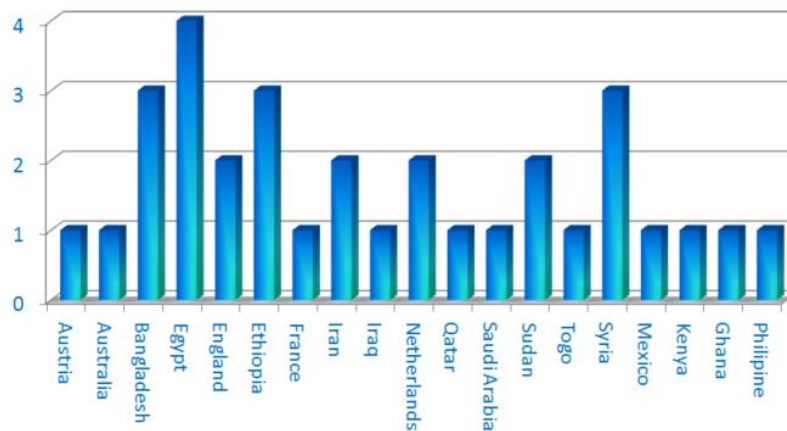


Distribution of cases by age group (%)



Distribution of cases by nationality

Lebanese: 431 Cases out of 463 (93%)



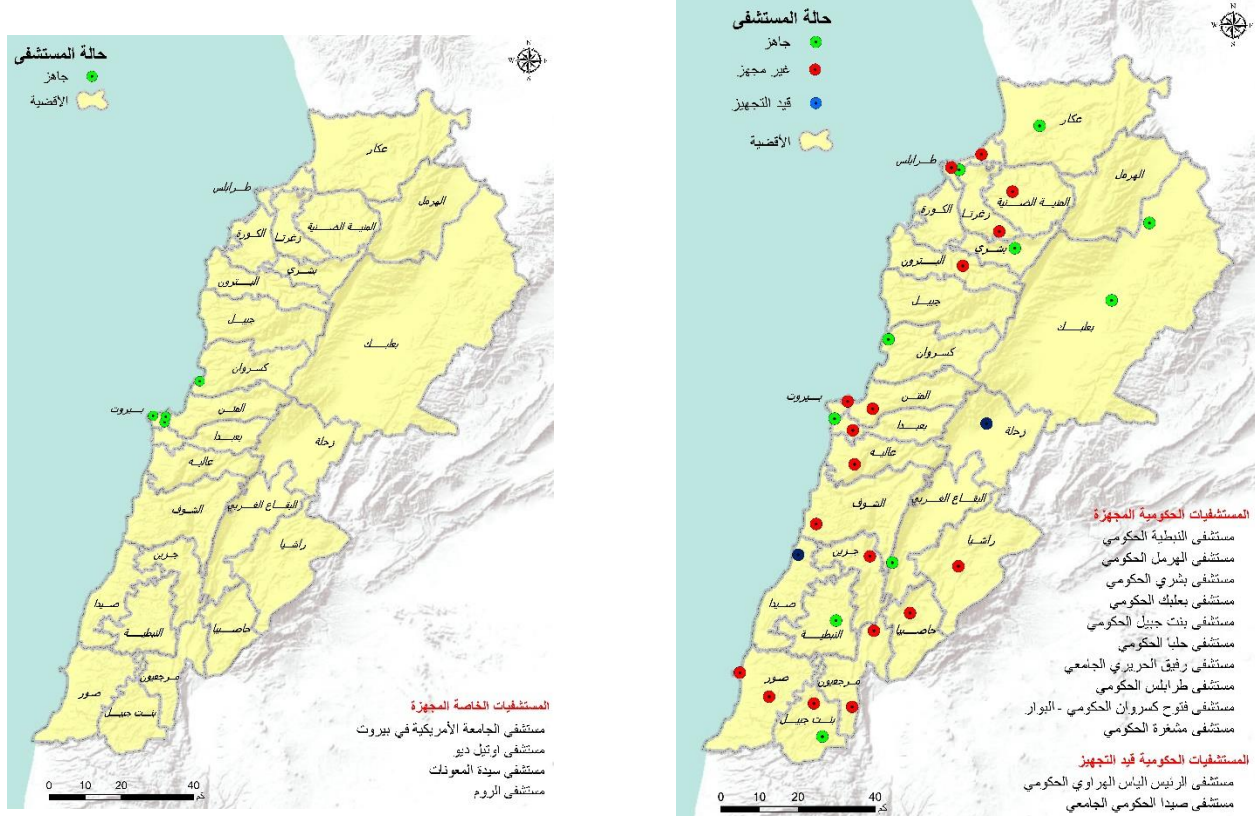
Total Artificial Respirators in Public and Private Hospitals

	Public Hospitals	Private Hospitals	Total
Children	42	237	279
Adults	123	783	906
Total	165	1020	1185

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
Total number of beds (of all kinds)	12749	2446	15195

Level of Preparedness of Public and Private Hospitals



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

Name of Laboratory	Location
Rafic Hariri University Hospital	Beirut
AUB	Beirut
Merieux / USJ	Beirut
Saint Georges Roub	Wata A'mara Shalhoub
Bouar Governmental Hospital	Kesrouane
Rizk LAU	Beirut
Notre Dames de Secours	Byblos
Baalbek Governmental Hospital	Baalbek

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.

Measures Introduced in Dealing with the Pandemic of COVID-19

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.
- The Ministry of Public Health announced that the number of government hospitals that are ready to receive new cases infected with the Corona virus has reached ten, including:
 - Rafic Hariri University Hospital
 - Nabatieh Governmental Hospital
 - Machghara Governmental Hospital
 - Baalbek Governmental Hospital
 - Hermel Governmental Hospital
 - Bouar Governmental Hospital
 - Becharre Governmental Hospital
 - Bint Jbeil Governmental Hospital
 - Tripoli Governmental Hospital
 - Halba Governmental Hospital
- The ministry issued a circular specifying how death bodies should be transported in case they were affected with COVID-19.

Lebanese Red Cross

- 457 new suspected cases were transferred to hospitals (11 new cases)
- 760 trained paramedics (31 new)
- 520 volunteers
- 31 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 234 shops, dispersed 32 public gatherings. The army also supported 3 municipalities in implementing precautionary measures and opening blocked roads in the North.
- General Security Forces 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

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[decisions of the Council of Ministers](#). The forces also aided members of the UNHCR on checking the situation of camps.

- ISF issued 252 written warnings to institutions and individuals that violated the [decisions of the Council of Ministers](#).
- The General Directorate of Civil Defense sterilized a number of public and private areas and institutions that were excluded from the public mobilization decision and examined the temperature of passengers and assured that citizens are adhering to quarantine.
- State Security Forces ensured different municipalities are adhering to the public mobilization decision, especially in terms of banning public gatherings.
- State Security Forces collected information from various Lebanese regions, closed a number of commercial stores because they not adhere to health standards and issued a number of warnings to companies that did not close.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs continues to communicate with other countries to ask for medical assistance on a daily basis.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued Circular No. 5/1610 on 30/3/2020, in which it requested the Lebanese diplomatic and consulate missions to share the number of Lebanese expatriates who have registered their names on the evacuation lists.
- The ministry also issued Circular No. 5/1612 on 30/3/2020, requesting all Lebanese missionaries to share their evacuation plan based on the number of Lebanese registered on their lists, provided that the plan includes risk assessment.
- The Ministry prepared forms to be filled out by students and citizens who have problems with money transfers.
- Received all number of Lebanese abroad wishing to return to Lebanon, in addition to students who have difficulties transferring money.

Ministry of Public Works and Transport

- A Kuwaiti cargo plane arrived at 9:05 and departed at 10:05.
- A DHL cargo plane arrived from Doha.
- A Polish plane arrived at 15:45 to evacuate 11 Polish citizens and left at 17:30.
- Beirut Port: No entry was recorded, one ship left.
- Other Ports: No entry or departure was recorded in other ports.
- **Note:** Before allowing any ship to enter the port, the entire crew on the ship are examined by the Ministry of Public Health to ensure that there are no coronavirus cases on board.

Ministry of Education and Higher Education

- The administrative units of the ministry are working on identifying possible scenarios to complete the 2019-2020 academic year, in addition the ministry is discussing the fate of the official exams.

Others

- UNICEF announced that it has trained 2,244 volunteers from public institutions, NGOs, unions, and groups from the local community on measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus and to protect vulnerable groups. The organization also announced it has equipped 192 primary health care centers and 5 other centers for the initial detection of cases and prevention of the spread of COIVD-19. UNICEF has also provided about 100,000 displaced Syrians (an average of 20,000 homes) with basic hygiene tools.
- The Social Workers' Syndicate in Lebanon assigned 25 regional coordinators and 250 social workers to intervene in various governorates and help monitor quarantined cases, with the support of the Ministry of Public Health, governorates, and municipalities.

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	200	75%
Akkar	346	80%
Baalbek-Hermel	40	78%
Bekaa	45	90%

Mount Lebanon	353	90%
South	88	90%
Nabatieh	101	85%

Governorate	Level of commitment to the decision to close all businesses	Sectors violating closure decision
Beirut	80%	Commercial stores and road traffic
North	80%	Protest, gatherings in front of ATM machines
Akkar	75%	Gatherings in front of ATM machines
Baalbek-Hermel	80%	Road traffic, gatherings in front of ATM machines, gathering In front of supermarkets
Bekaa	90%	Cars and motorcyclists
Mount Lebanon	90%	Gatherings in front of ATM machines
South	85%	Public gathering
Nabatieh	70%	Public gatherings, gatherings in front of ATM machines, traffic

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