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Daily Report for COVID 19 Virus

Cases:

- Cumulative number of confirmed cases is 257 case.
- Number of recovered cases 72 cases.
- Number of active cases 182 cases. (community 145, retained 37)
- Number of deaths 3 cases. (community 2, retained 1)
- A total of 20,971 samples were tested, 788 new samples were collected, 20,714 samples Out of the total, came out negative, and 257 were positive.

Compulsory Quarantine:

Since 15/3/2020, all travelers coming through Rafah and Beit Hanoun (Erez) crossings had to undergo a compulsory quarantine at one of the MOH designated facilities.

1. Isolation Hospitals

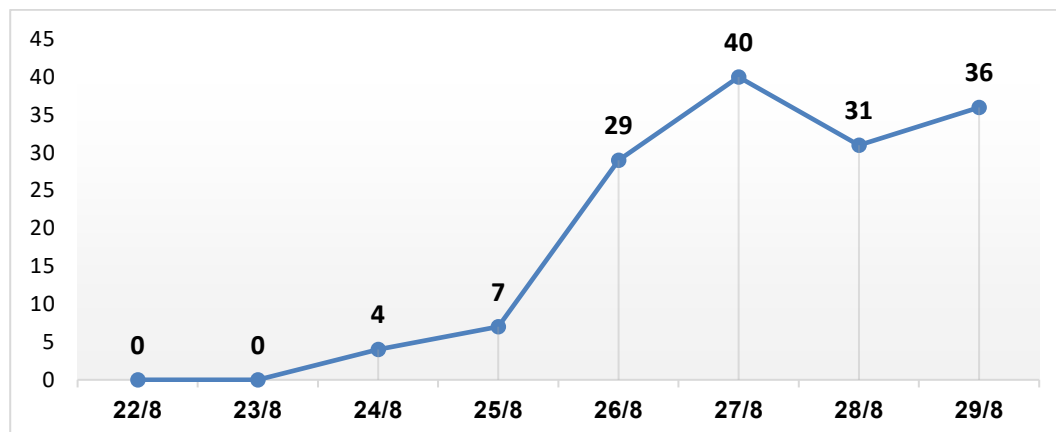
Total number of infected cases 257 confirmed cases, 182 out of them still active cases in the isolation hospital, while 72 cases fully recovered and discharge and 3 deaths.

Table 1: Distribution of cases at isolation hospitals

Isolation Hosp.	No. of cases
Isolation Hospital	146
El European hosp.	36
Total	182



1. New cases within the community "daily"



Graph (4) shows daily distribution of new cases within the community.

2. Health quarantine centers

- The number of designated quarantine facilities were 16 centers, including schools, hotels, primary health care centers, and hospitals, quarantine centers rooms distributed across the five governorates of the Gaza Strip.
- After completing the quarantine period and discharging all cases, quarantine facilities are disinfected prior to receiving new admissions.
- Total number of cases at quarantine facilities 2186 case, table 2 shows the distribution of quarantined people in various centers.

Table 2: Distribution of cases at quarantine facilities

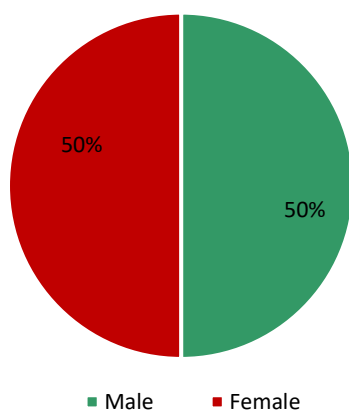
No	Quarantine facility	Number of quarantined cases
1.	Blue Beach hotel	285
2.	Saad House	1
3.	Al -amal Hotel (Helal hospital PRCS	98
4.	El Diera hotel	34
5.	El Quds International hotel	72
6.	El Commodore hotel	107
7.	El Mathaf hotel	49
8.	Higgi hotel	84
9.	Asdaa Center	327



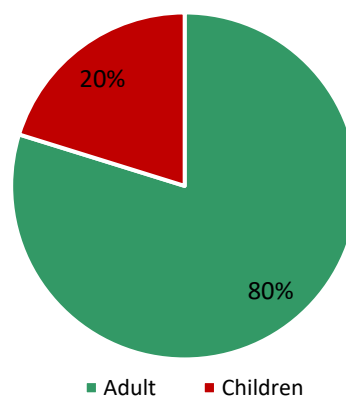
10.	Al Safwa School	138
11.	Ghassan Kanafani School	138
12.	Marmara School	77
13.	Biet Hanoun quarantine room	254
14.	Dier El Balah quarantine room	401
15.	Rafah quarantine room	20
16.	El Sadaqa Hospital	49
17.	Rantessi Hospital	7
18.	Shifa Hospital	1
19.	European Hospital	44
	Total quarantined	2186

3. Distribution of isolated & quarantined as sex & age group

Number of males in isolation & quarantine centers 1198 male representing 50% of the total quarantined, while 20% are children.



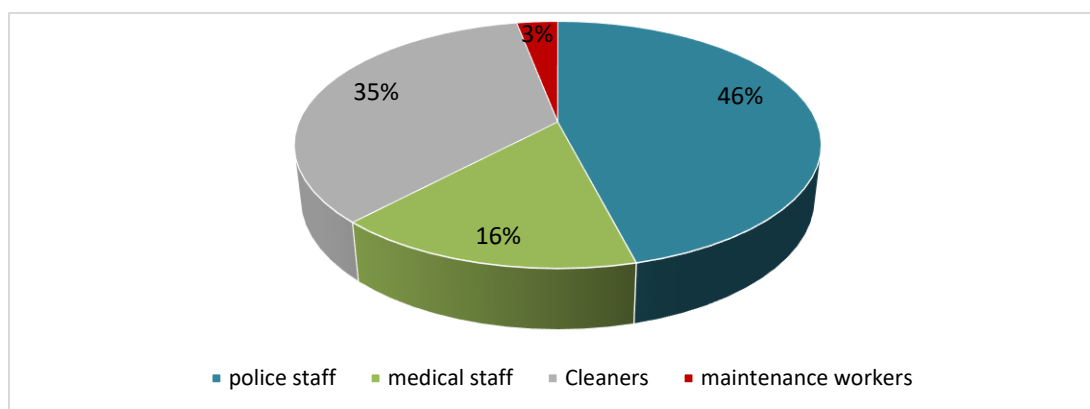
Graph (1) shows percentage of quarantined as sex



Graph (2) shows percentage of quarantined as age group

4. service providers in the quarantine centers

The number of service providers in the quarantine centers reached 349 employees, 46% of them are police staff and 16% are medical staff, while the percentage of maintenance workers is 3%.



Graph (3) shows percentage of service providers in the quarantine centers

Main activities and decisions:

- 1- It was announced that a number of cases infected with (Covid19) virus were discovered from within the community - Al Wusta Governorate - on 24-08-2020. In light of this announcement and based on the requirements of the public interest, the following was decided:
 - Activating the emergency plan for combating the emerging (Covid19) virus pandemic, according to level (D) of the plan, in all health sector facilities, and the decision will start from its date until further notice.
 - Cases that need to be admitted to a hospital and suffer from symptoms of infection with the virus (Covid19). A sample (PCR) of the patient is taken and sent to the central laboratory.
 - Informe to all citizens who have had contact with cases infected with the (Covid19) virus, to send their detailed personal information, to the WhatsApp number of the Rapid Response Service (00970599503103) of the Palestinian Ministry of Health, and until the medical staff continues, self-quarantine is applied at home and not contact with the rest of the family And take all personal hygiene measures
- 2- Issuing a decision to take preventive measures to combat the Corona virus in institutions, public facilities and gathering places.



- 3- El Sadaqa Hospital was designated to receive quarantined cases with pre-existing medical conditions, while the European Hospital was designated as the COVID 19 treating hospital, along with 3 schools adjacent to it.
- 4- Patient files of people quarantined at hospitals are to be clearly labelled with the word Quarantine, to facilitate monitoring by hospital administrators.
- 5- New standard operating procedures (SOP) were issued for dealing with arrivals via the crossings so that the PCR examination is performed for all inmates on the fourth day and 19th day of the date of the quarantine. t
- 6- In the event that tests are not available throughout the quarantine period, the quarantine period will be extended to 28 days.
- 7- The contacts are obligatory for the confirmed cases for a period of 21 days from the date of contact. The PCR examination is performed on the fourth day of contact. The examination is repeated on the 20th day from the beginning of the quarantine. In the event that the examination is not available, the quarantine continues to 28 days.
- 8- Prior to discharge, quarantined persons are also examined for any respiratory symptoms or fever. In case of detecting any symptoms, the PCR test will be repeated and discharge from quarantine is postponed.
- 9- The quarantine period ends on the morning of day 22. Facilities are then vacated for 24 hours before starting the process of disinfection. Twenty-four hours after completing the process of disinfection, the facilities become ready to receive new cases.
- 10- Public primary healthcare service delivery was limited to some centers distributed across the five governorates, which will be providing essential services only. Provided services include general medicine, chronic medicines dispensing, vaccination, physical therapy, radiology and laboratory for emergency cases, where mammography is limited to diagnostic services and dental care is operating for emergency cases only. Currently 26 out of the 49 Primary Health Centers (PHC) are functioning.
- 11- One school close to the main hospital in each governorate, was also assigned to provide health services for respiratory cases, and as a triage center.
- 12- The MOH suspended work at outpatient clinics, non-emergency surgeries and stopped visits to inpatients in all hospitals.
- 13- Simulation exercises were conducted in all public hospitals to examine the preparedness of emergency departments, intensive care units, and laboratory and diagnostic services to respond to COVID-19.
- 14- The MOH appeals to the United Nations to lift the illegal and inhuman blockade on Gaza Strip and to support the urgent needs of the health system to face the COVID-19, including



respiratory and intensive care equipment, medicines, medical consumables, and infection prevention and control supplies.

- 15- The MOH urges citizens of Gaza Strip to adhere to the instructions of infection prevention and control, and physical distancing. Elderly, children, patients with respiratory diseases and people with weak immunity are all urged to avoid public places and crowded gatherings. For related health inquiries, please contact the toll-free number of the Ministry of Health 103.
- 16- District emergency committees were activated across all governorates, in preparedness for Coronavirus 2019 disease.
- 17- Medical points were established at the quarantine centers, and were staffed, in total, with more than 80 medical and administrative personnel. The points were also provided with some needed medicines, and medical supplies.
- 18- Health education sessions are continuously being conducted to raise the awareness of quarantined persons on COVID-19 and inform them of any requested precautionary measures.
- 19- The Ministry of Health and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) have started a program (Stay Home) for medical consultations for citizens by phone, and it has dealt with 15,000 calls since Tuesday.
- 20- (27) health centers have been operated for the Ministry of Health and UNRWA in the governorates of the Gaza Strip, and trained medical teams have been allocated for remote treatment (medical consultations over the phone)
- 21- Telemedicine teams provide medical consultations to all citizens of the Gaza Strip equally
- 22- The UN Relief and Works Agency provides consultations in the morning and the Ministry of Health in the evening and night shifts.
- 23- Field medical teams were provided, in cooperation with private health institutions, to reach patients' homes if their health condition required
- 24- Medical cases that will need clinical follow-up after the home field assessment will be coordinated to be transported to the hospital by ambulance
- 25- We started working to provide medicines for chronic diseases, dispense them for a month, and ensure that they reach patients in their homes through field teams in the governorates
- 26- The free number 103 has been allocated to the Ministry of Health and the toll-free number 1800 444 666 to communicate with the public with the (Stay at Home) service for remote treatment