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Daily Report for COVID 19 Virus

Report Summary:

- Cumulative number of confirmed cases is 697 case.
- Number of recovered cases 89 cases.
- Number of active cases 603 cases. (community 577, retained 26)
- Number of deaths 5 cases. (community 4, retained 1)

Firstly: Local reported cases within the community – Emergency level (D)

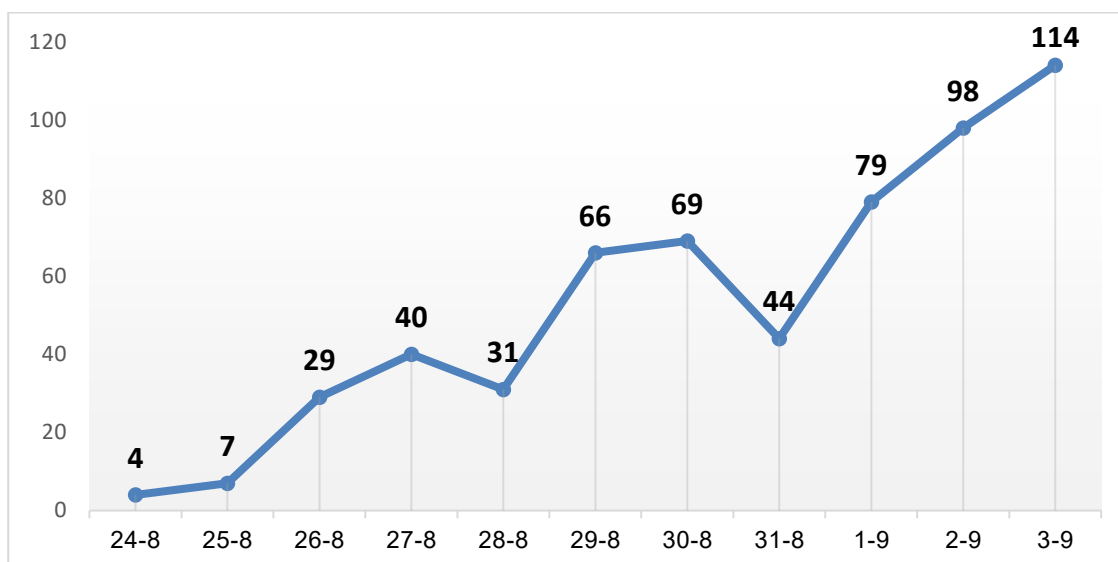
- Cumulative number of confirmed cases is 581 case.
- Number of recovered cases 0 cases.
- Number of active cases 577 cases.
- Number of deaths 4 cases.
- A total of 8,876 samples were tested, 1525 new samples were collected, 8,295 samples out of the total, came out negative, and 581 were positive.

1. Isolation Hospitals

A total number of active cases 577 designated isolation hospitals (El European hosp - El Sadaqa Hospital).

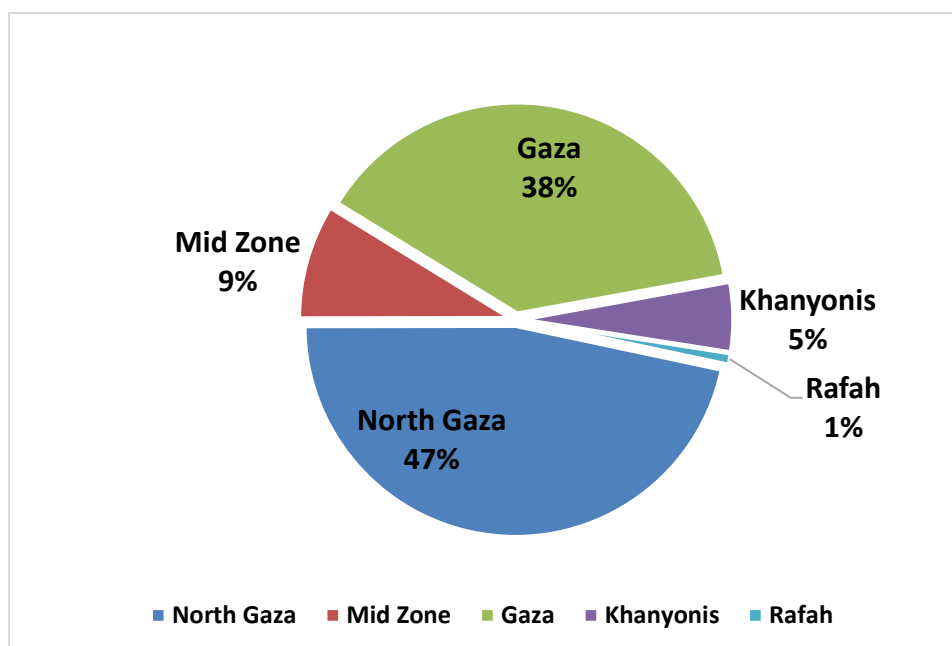


2. Daily number of new cases within the community



Graph (1) shows daily number of new cases within the community.

3. Geographical distribution of confirmed cases within the community:



Graph (2) shows geographical distribution of cases within the community per governorate.



Secondly: Imported cases

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 confirmed imported cases is 116. Out of this total, 26 are still active cases in the isolation hospital, 76 cases fully recovered and were discharged, and one died.

Table 1: Distribution of cases at isolation hospitals

Isolation Hosp.	No. of cases
Isolation Hospital	26
El European hosp.	0
Total	26

2. Health quarantine centers

- The number of designated quarantine facilities were 14 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 597 case, table 2 shows the distribution of quarantined people in various centers.

Table 2: Distribution of cases at quarantine facilities

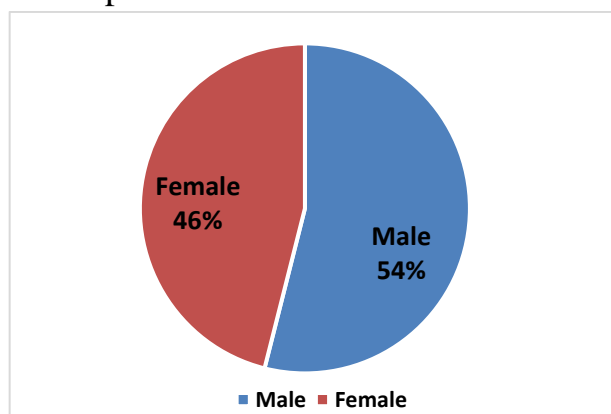
No	Quarantine facility	Number of quarantined cases
1.	Blue Beach hotel	178
2.	Saad House	13
3.	El Diera hotel	32
4.	El Quds International hotel	0



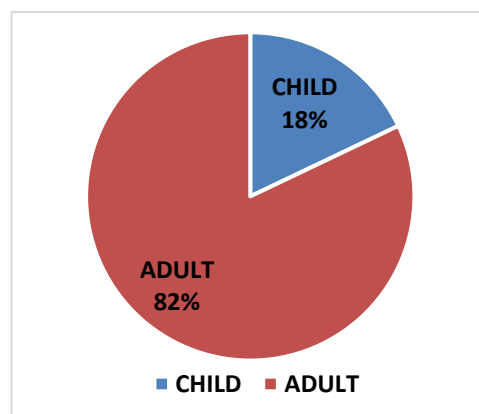
5.	El Mathaf hotel	0
6.	Higgi hotel	51
7.	Safwa School	0
8.	Ghasan Kanafanii School	0
9.	Marmara School	0
10.	Asdaa Center	27
11.	Biet Hanoun quarantine room	256
12.	Dier El Balah quarantine room	21
13.	El Sadaqa Hospital	5
14.	Rantessi Hospital	5
15.	Shifa Hospital	6
16.	Naser Hospital	3
	Total quarantined	597

3. Disaggregation of isolated and quarantined cases by sex and age group

Approximately 45% of people in isolation and quarantine centers (275) are males, while children represent 18% of that total



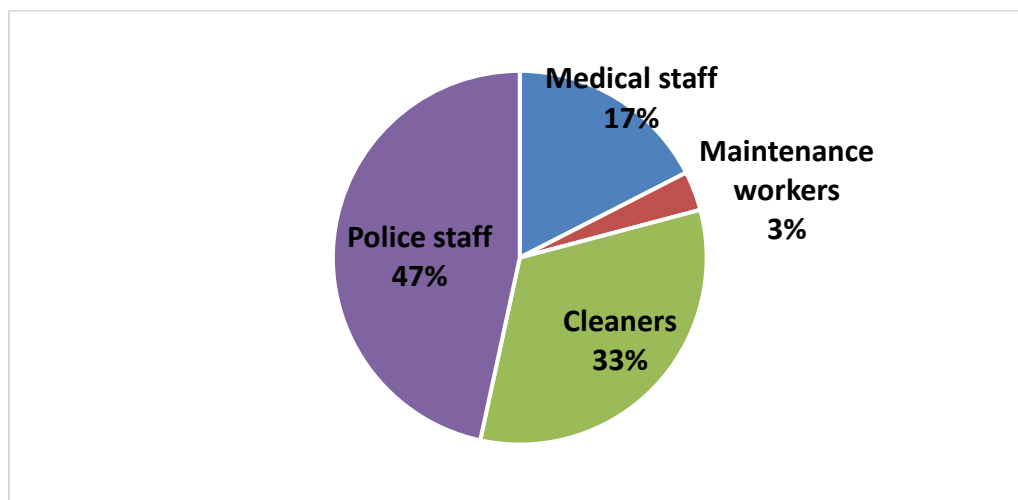
Graph (3) shows percentage of quarantined people by sex



Graph (4) shows percentage of quarantined people by age group

4. service providers in the quarantine centers

The number of service providers in quarantine centers reached 206 employees, 47% of them are police staff and 17% are medical staff, while the percentage of maintenance workers is 3%.



Graph (5) 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:
 - Level (D) of the COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan was activated across the health sector.
 - A sample to be collected from people showcasing COVID-19 symptoms and those requiring hospital admissions, to be sent to the Central Laboratory for PCR testing.
 - Persons who have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive case are requested to send their contact information to the MOH rapid response services on their WhatsApp number (00970599503103) to facilitate contact tracing. Meanwhile, contacts are requested to self-quarantine and maintain a physical distance of at least 1 meter from other family members, and take all necessary infection prevention measures.
- 2- 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.
- 3- Patient files of people quarantined at hospitals are to be clearly labelled with the word Quarantine, to facilitate monitoring by hospital administrators.



- 4- 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
- 5- In the event that tests are not available throughout the quarantine period, the quarantine period will be extended to 28 days.
- 6- 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.
- 7- 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.
- 8- 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.
- 9- 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.
- 10- 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.
- 11- MOH suspended work at outpatient clinics, non-emergency surgeries and stopped visits to inpatients in all hospitals.
- 12- 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.
- 13- 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.
- 14- District emergency committees were activated across all governorates, in preparedness for Coronavirus 2019 disease.



- 15- 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.
- 16- 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.
- 17- 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.
- 18- (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)
- 19- Telemedicine teams provide medical consultations to all citizens of the Gaza Strip equally
- 20- The UN Relief and Works Agency provides consultations in the morning and the Ministry of Health in the evening and night shifts.
- 21- Field medical teams were provided, in cooperation with private health institutions, to reach patients' homes if their health condition required
- 22- Medical cases that will need clinical follow-up after the home field assessment will be coordinated to be transported to the hospital by ambulance
- 23- MOH 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
- 24- 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