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Daily Report for COVID 19 Virus

Cases:

- Total number of confirmed cases is 13 case.
- Number of cure cases 9 case.
- Number of cases still positive 4 cases.
- Number of Deaths is 0 case.

Number of samples examined for suspected cases was 3,136 sample, 364 sample of them were new and 3,123 were **Negative** while 13 were positive, knowing that there is a shortage of corona screening materials.

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.
- The number of designated isolation & quarantine facilities were 30 centers, including schools, hotels, primary health care centers, and hospitals, distributed across the five governorates of the Gaza Strip.
- Table 1 shows the distribution of quarantined people in various centers.
- After completing the quarantine period and discharging all cases, quarantine facilities are disinfected prior to receiving new admissions.
- Out of the total 2,040 people at quarantine facilities, 58.3% (1,190) are males, and 9.0% are children.
- Four active (positive) cases are isolated at the Rafah Field hospital .

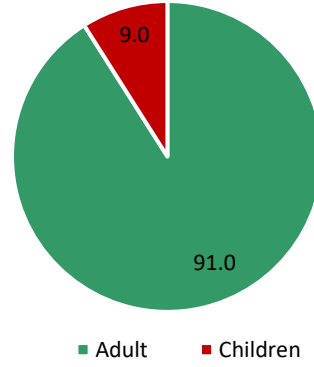
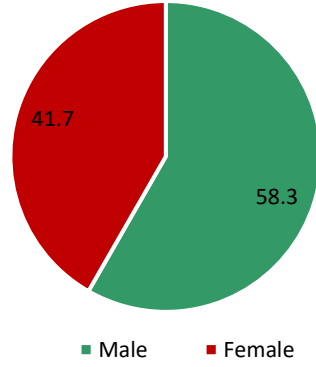


Table 1: Distribution of cases at quarantine facilities

No	Quarantine facility	Number of quarantined cases
.1	El Maydani Hospital (confirmed cases)	4
.2	Rafah Cross quarantine center	9
.3	Masqat PHC Geezan Alnajar	44
.4	Al-Amal hospital PRCS	92
.5	Saad House	83
.6	Marmara School	56
.7	SuKaina School	52
.8	Khawla School	49
.9	Al-Aqsa school	22
.10	Kiewit school	57
.11	Blue Beach hotel	280
.12	El Mathaf hotel	80
.13	El Commodore hotel	107
.14	El Quds International Hotel	63
.15	Palestine hotel	63
.16	Beach hotel	0
.17	Higgi hotel	60
.18	El Huda hotel	23
.19	El City Star hotel	30
.20	Tabaria Chalet	10
.21	El Salah Club	16
.22	Masqat PHC Jabalia	37
.23	Beit Hanoun quarantine rooms	266



.24	Rafah quarantine rooms	336
.25	El Sadaqa Hospital	177
.26	El Shifa hosp.	12
.27	El Rantesii hosp.	4
.28	El Indonesii hosp.	4
.29	El Naser hosp.	2
.30	El European hosp.	2
	Total quarantined	2040

Main activities and decisions:

- 1- 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.
- 2- Patient files of people quarantined at hospitals are to be clearly labelled with the word **Quarantine**, to facilitate monitoring by hospital administrators.
- 3- 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 of the date of the quarantine. Removal of the quarantined if the results are negative with the recommendation of a home quarantine.
- 4- In the event that tests are not available throughout the quarantine period, the quarantine period will be extended to 28 days.
- 5- 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.
- 6- 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.
- 7- 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.
- 8- 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.



- 9- 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.
- 10- Wedding halls and weekly open markets were closed, and all forms of gatherings were also prohibited.
- 11- The MOH suspended work at outpatient clinics, non-emergency surgeries and stopped visits to inpatients in all hospitals.
- 12- 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.
- 13- 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.
- 14- 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**.
- 15- District emergency committees were activated across all governorates, in preparedness for Coronavirus 2019 disease.
- 16- 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.
- 17- Several trainings were conducted, targeting medical and non-medical personnel working in primary, secondary and emergency health services. Covered topics included case management, sample transport, and infection prevention and control measures.
- 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- Supported by WHO, the Health Education Department of the Ministry of Health has printed 30,000 publications, 20,000 awareness posters on the Coronavirus disease and distributed it to each of the Ministry of Health, UNRWA, military medical services and NGOs.