

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PLACES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

As you know, Government has announced the **temporary closure of places that are normally open to the public**. This is another measure taken, on the advice of the national health authorities, in order to limit the spread of the **COVID-19 virus** in the Maltese Islands.

As specified in **Legal Notice 76 of 2020** and other notices, the temporary closure affects the following categories of premises:

- **Bars**
- **Restaurants**
- **Cafeterias**
- **Snack Bars**
- **Cinemas**
- **Gymnasiums**
- **Museums and Exhibitions**
- **Clubs, Discotheques and Night Clubs**
- **Open-air Markets**
- **Indoor Swimming Pools** and the **National Swimming Pool**
- **Massage Parlours**
- **Gaming Premises** including **Controlled Gaming premises, Bingo Halls, Casinos, Gaming Parlours, Lotto Booths** and **Betting Shops**.

The Legal Notice mentions that this **list may be extended** to include other categories if deemed necessary for public health reasons.

However, the Legal Notice allows for restaurants, snack bars and kiosks to continue to provide **delivery and take-away services** to the community and for restaurants situated inside hotels to continue to provide **room service to hotel guests** and **delivery service in the community**.

Since the early morning on Wednesday, officers from the **MTA's Compliance & Regulatory Directorate** have been carrying out inspections in order to ensure that the provisions of this Legal Notice are being followed. Establishments that are found not to be complying with these terms will be fined as applicable. Legal Notice 83 of 2020 set the penalty for each and every infringement at **€3000**.

Everyone's cooperation in this critical phase is important and greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, or to report infringements, please call MTA's COVID-19 Helpline **21692447** or email tourismcovid-19helpline@visitmalta.com

Thank You
Malta Tourism Authority