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## **COVID-19: MTA INSPECTS OUTLETS**

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All throughout Saturday 21st March 2020, the Malta Tourism Authority continued with its ongoing series of inspections of catering establishments and other premises with the aim of ensuring that these are complying fully with the terms of Legal Notices 76 and 82 of 2020. These inspections took place in both Malta and Gozo.

To-date, all establishments in Gozo which number just over 280, have been checked, with around 75% of them having been checked at least twice. The situation is being closely monitored with inspections taking place throughout the day and into the night to ensure compliance. During yesterday, MTA's inspectors in Gozo checked around 150 establishments, concentrating on peripheral areas such as Żebbuġ, Santa Luċija, Għasri, Qala, Xewkija, Għarb and San Lawrenz, in addition to main localities such as Xlendi, Marsalforn, Mġarr and Victoria.

In Malta, more than 320 additional inspections were carried out in various locations including Naxxar, Mġarr, Mosta, Pembroke, Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq, Swieqi, Mdina, Rabat, Baħrija, Gżira, Sliema and St. Julian's. This brings the total number of inspections that have been carried out in Malta since the Legal Notice came into force up to more than 2600.

During the latest batch of inspections, no establishments in Malta and Gozo were found to be in breach of the regulations.

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