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## COVID-19: MTA INSPECTS OUTLETS

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During Sunday 22nd March 2020, the Malta Tourism Authority continued with its inspections of catering establishments and other premises in both Malta and Gozo. These inspections are aimed at ensuring that these establishments are complying fully with the terms of Legal Notices 76 and 82 of 2020.

In Malta, more than 860 additional inspections were carried out in 30 different locations across the island. The majority of inspections (262) were conducted in the Sliema/St Julian's/Gzira area, followed by the Qawra/Buġibba/St Paul's Bay area with 219. This latest series of inspections brings the total number of verifications that have been carried out in Malta since the Legal Notice came into force to more than 3400.

During yesterday, MTA's inspectors in Gozo also checked another 150 establishments in different towns and villages all over the sister island.

As was the case in the past few days, no establishments in Malta and Gozo were found to be in breach of the regulations.

Whilst acknowledging this positive trend, the MTA stated that it will continue with its programme of inspections on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance on the part of all establishments. Meanwhile the authority would like to, once again, reiterate its appeal to the general public to avoid queuing up in large numbers outside such establishments, and to keep a safe distance away from others if it is necessary to wait in line.

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