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

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Various catering outlets in Malta and Gozo were warned verbally and instructed to ensure that social distancing is observed at all times by customers waiting for their take-out orders, as this was not always happening. MTA will be monitoring these particular establishments closely, whilst the general public is also being urged to cooperate.

During Sunday 29th March 2020, the Malta Tourism Authority continued with its inspections of catering establishments to ensure compliance with the Covid-19 regulations.

In Malta, more than 500 inspections were carried out in 19 different localities. Of these, more than 190 inspections took place in the St Paul's Bay/Bugibba/Qawra area and more than 150 establishments were checked in Valletta/Floriana..

In Gozo, MTA's inspectors checked around 160 establishments including bars, snack-bars, clubs and restaurants located in the following towns and villages: Għajnsielem, Kerċem, Marsalforn, Mġarr, Mġarr-ix-Xini, Nadur, Qala, Qbajjar, Victoria, Xewkija, Xlendi and Żebbuġ.

With this latest batch, the number of inspections around Malta and Gozo carried out by MTA since the relevant Legal Notices came into force has surpassed 9600 in total.

Once again, no breaches were found over the past 24 hours neither in Gozo, nor in Malta.

MTA reminds the general public that any breaches can be reported to the authority via its Tourism COVID-19 helpline: 21692447 or email: [tourismcovid-19helpline@visitmalta.com](mailto:tourismcovid-19helpline@visitmalta.com).

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