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MORE THAN 900 APPLY TO JOIN CONTACT TRACING SCHEME

Over 900 individuals have applied to participate in the Contact Tracing scheme that was launched last week by the **Malta Tourism Authority** in conjunction with **Malta Enterprise**.

The scheme has the aim of assisting the Health Authorities in providing a faster contact tracing service for persons that have been identified or tested positive for Covid-19. At the same time, the initiative provides an opportunity for tourism sector employees who are experiencing the effects of the downturn in tourism business caused by the pandemic, to use their time productively whilst supplementing their current earnings.

MTA CEO Johann Buttigieg commented: *"We received more than 630 applications in total, including some that were submitted by companies on behalf of their staff. We are pleased with the interest shown by the industry and believe that this initiative will reach the intended objectives."*

Minister for Tourism and Consumer Protection Julia Farrugia Portelli applauded this initiative and the remarkable number of applicants. *"This positive number represents the strong sense of solidarity by workers in the tourism sector who want to be hands-on so that we overcome this pandemic as one strong united nation,"* stated Farrugia Portelli.

Applications will now be vetted to ensure that the selected employees possess the necessary skills and attributes to carry out the tasks. Those selected may also be subjected to an interview by the Health Authorities.

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