165 total number of COVID-19 confirmed cases (1 Female 80 Male 85)

2093 suspected cases were tested
417 quarantined at student dorms

104 homecare
140 self-isolation / home care

37 hospitalized
3 are critical

3 casualties

104 homecare
24 fully recovered

Global statistics from WHO at 20:00 hours

1,211,214 confirmed cases
67,666 deaths

1) Statistics, as available by the Kosovo Institute for Public Health
As of 6 April of 2020, 21:30 hours, there are 165 total cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. In addition to the 82-year-old man from Podujevë/o Municipality; one 59-year-old man from Prishtinë/Priština and a 70-year-old women from Prizren Municipality have died from the COVID-19. 3 patients are in severe condition. 24 patients have fully recovered. Currently under quarantine are the following municipalities: Klinë/a; Malishevë/Mališevo; Viti/Vitina, Mitrovica North and Zvečan/Zveçan and following villages: Dumnicë e Poshtme/Donja Dubnica, Podujevë/Podujevo Municipality, Dumnicë e Epërme/Gornja Dubnica, Podujevë/Podujevo Municipality, Llaushë/Lauša, Podujevë/Podujevo Municipality, Topaniçë/Topanica, Kamenicë/Kamenica Municipality; Korishë/Koriša, Prizren/Prizren Municipality and Vrapçiq/Vrapčić Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality.

The government took early measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. Since then, new measures have gradually been introduced to mitigate and contain COVID-19. The government declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency on 15 March. Curfew schedule continues to be from 17:00 to 06:00 hours.

• The list of the pharmacies operating during curfew hours will be updated daily on the link - https://bit.ly/3avP32k

While, the curfew is well respected, there are a lot of movement of vehicles and persons during the day. Police are present on the streets to ensure continued compliance but need to be reinforced. On 6 April, Municipality of Prishtinë/Priština decided to further limit the movement of people in squares and pedestrian areas with the help of Kosovo Police.

During past 72 hours, (48) cases of failure to comply with health provisions during pandemic in different locations all over Kosovo have been reported by police. Respecting the curfew and measure to restrict movement is the most effective means to prevent a sharp increase of new COVID-19 infections, above all: stay-at-home, self-isolate, keep social/physical distance and frequent washing of hands.

On 5 April, 53 cases of persons returning from abroad were tested at quarantine COVID-19, hosted by the Student dormitory. All cases were negative, and all 53 people released today for self-isolation for 14 days at home. This is the fourth group of returned from abroad of test takers in the last four days. Out of 190 test takers and all have been negative. According to Ministry of Health, there are 440 people in the student dorms under quarantine. Today a new schedule of distance-learning classes started broadcasting. From today starting at 09:00 hours and ending at 16:00 hours, distance-learning are covering full curricula for classes 1-9. After broadcast on TV, the material becomes available on the subsequent YouTube channel of RTK.

On 30 March, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) has established a specific page in the website “e-Mësimi” (Albanian for E-Learning) https://masht.rks-gov.net/e-mesimi with an advisory to high schools and municipal departments of education, on how to proceed with classes. MEST is suggesting ZOOM as a preferred option for e-learning, while Facebook, Google Meet, Google Classroom, etc. are other options.
Travel and Transport

Most international air travel to Kosovo is suspended as of 16 March 2020. Military flights and airplanes carrying cabin crew allowed to land in Pristina Airport for outgoing passengers. There is an exception for incoming medical flights and MEDEVAC. In the last 24 hours one flight came from Zurich at 16:09 hours, and one flight departed for Stansted London from 17:00 hours. For more information see [http://www.airportpristina.com/](http://www.airportpristina.com/). Travel by land is restricted to all travelers except Kosovo passport holders, staff of diplomatic/consular missions, international organizations, foreigners with residence in Kosovo, and freight. Every person, irrespective of nationality entering Kosovo is placed under mandatory 14-day quarantine/isolation. Intercity transport is suspended as well as organized international transport of passengers. All public transportation has been discontinued. Taxi services are available during 06:00 hours to 17:00 hours. 5 March, the government of Kosovo decided to extend all existing limitations until 12 March, with possibility of further extensions.
Public and Private Services

Currently all emergency and other core government functions continue functional. Approximately 300 volunteers are helping the health workers coordinated and instructed by the Ministry of Health. Municipalities continue provide civil documentation, albeit with reduced capacities. As of April 7, individuals who are not equipped with masks and gloves will not be able to receive services in the Municipality of Prishtinë/Priština. Additionally, all grocery stores in the Municipality of Prishtinë/Priština are obliged to disinfect on a regular basis and continuously disinfect all shopping carts and baskets. It must be proved by relevant reports of the disinfection companies. Grocery stores are also obliged to appoint a responsible person for organizing and maintaining the proper physical distance of customers.

The Ministry of Health has created a special website https://www.kosova.health/en/ with current official Kosovo statistics, and measures taken to prevent further transmission of the disease. Also, visitors at the website can do an interactive self-evaluation to verify for COVID-19 symptoms. There is also a possibility to register for volunteering at the same website. An emergency phone line is: 038 200 80 800 (0.02 cents per minute).

Situation in northern Kosovo

There are 33 reported COVID-19 cases in northern Kosovo, and in municipalities with Serbian majority, including first two cases registered in the Municipality of Zubin Potok/Zubinpotok and one case registered in Gračanica/Graçanicë.

On 3 April, North Mitrovica and Zvečan/Zvečan were placed under quarantine, with some exceptions for movement, such as suppliers. The decision was coordinated between both mayors, the Kosovo Police, and relevant ministries of the government of Kosovo.

Sources indicate that the Zubin Potok health centre ambulance can now cross the Administrative Boundary Line at Gate 31, without facing mandatory quarantine.

On 5 April, the acting GoK Minister of Internal Affairs and Mayor Bahtiri visited multi-ethnic and K-Albanian villages in North Mitrovica and Zvečan/Zvečan to distribute food and hygiene packages provided by the Kosovo Red Cross and South Mitrovica Municipality.

On 5 April, the Director of OKiM announced that the GoS health system will place anybody who tests positive in isolation in a designated space; those from North Mitrovica, Leposavić/q, Zvečan/Zvečan, Zubin Potok, Vučitrn/Vushtrri, Orahovac/Rahovec, Klina/ë, Peć/Peja, Istok/Istog and Srbica/Skenderaj in a student dormitory in North Mitrovica; those from Gračanica/Graçanicë, Pristina, Lipjan/Lipjan, Obilić/q, Kosovo Polje/ Fushë Kosovo, Gora and Štrpce/Shtërpcë in the GoS Clinical Centre Pristina located in Gračanica/Graçanicë; and those from Vitina/Viti, Kosovska Kamenica/Kamenicë, Gnjilane/Gjilan and Novo Brdo/Novobërdë in the GoS Gnjilane Health Centre located in Parteš/Partesh.

Current curfew hours are weekends from 15:00 to 05:00 hours and weekdays from 17:00 to 05:00 hours.

Observations important to health, socio-economic and human rights dimensions of COVID-19 outbreak

As can be seen from signals from banks, the business community as well as calls from civil society and reports from vulnerable groups, the social and economic impact of COVID-19 will be significant. Some early measures have been taken authorities and Central Bank of Kosovo. These needs to be expanded and an integrated comprehensive socio-economic response developed.

It is of utmost important that Human rights are upheld in the context of the ongoing health and sanitary crisis in Kosovo, as elsewhere. Particular vigilance needs to be observed for instances of discrimination and stigma, as well as limitations to fundamental freedoms such as freedom of movement, expression, assembly and association, and the right to privacy.
Response of the UN system in Kosovo

WHO is the lead agency for health related coordination with Ministry of Health. Overall coordination is led by the UN RC/DC. WHO remains in daily contact with Ministry of Health and Institute of Public Health in supporting an effective response. WHO and a few other UNKT agencies are members of the inter-institutional crisis management group.

WHO hosts trainings on 6 different topics to support a more effective COVID-19 response [https://openwho.org/courses/](https://openwho.org/courses/)

Socio-economic impact assessment and recovery framework

UNKT in coordination with World Bank and other partners is launching a series of assessments to measure the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19. UNDP will lead with UN Women and UNICEF a rapid assessment with first results available end April. Consequent assessments may be sectoral or focusing on cross cutting priorities such as labor market, productive sectors or specifically vulnerable groups. The assessments will also inform the development of an integrated UN interagency recovery framework to respond to the impacts of COVID-19. The UN framework is hoped to serve both government as well as international community in Kosovo.
Urgent medical supplies

The shipment of 3.6 tons of professional protective and medical equipment acquired by UNICEF Kosovo arrived in Prishtinë-Priština, as part of UNICEF’s Kosovo support to the health system in response to the current COVID-19 outbreak. The professional protective equipment has been delivered to Ministry of Health to support health workers on the frontline of Kosovo’s fight against COVID 19, with 10% of the equipment being delivered to Mitrovica hospital in the North and to hospital in Gračanica/Graçanicë meeting the needs of K-Serbs.

Response to Increasing GBV/DV and Support to Shelters and other Gender Dimensions of the COVID-19 Outbreak

Domestic violence shelters in Kosovo have publicly expressed their appreciation on social media to UN Agencies who have been the first responders to meet the needs of shelters and women and children there. This was also acknowledged by the Minister of Justice through her note on the Ministry of Justice social media accounts.

Globally, this year’s World Health Day, marked on 7 April, will focus on the vital role played by nurses and midwives in providing health care around the world, particularly against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. We invite all partners to join us in the campaign UN Women, UNFPA, and WHO, with assistance from UN DC Office are developing the communications campaign focusing on the global theme “Support Nurses and Midwives” which will launch today.

Asylum Seekers, refugees and migrants

Currently, there are 187 asylum-seekers in Asylum Centers in Kosovo. UNHCR is in a process of providing internet access to the asylum centers to enable direct communication with asylum-seekers. This will also make possible provision of online legal and psychosocial services, possible school classes and language learning sessions.

The number of new arrivals in the Detention Center under quarantine has increased to 31 persons. According to the authorities they are in need of hygienic items and clothing.

Returnees and IDPs

UNHCR distributed food and hygienic items to some vulnerable returnee families in Peje/Pec. UNHCR continues with advocacy interventions and coordination with the humanitarian community for support of those in need. Municipal Crisis Commissions have strengthened structured assistance in coordination with the donors in order to avoid duplications of assistance and cover wider needs. The PPE remains a need for vulnerable returnees and especially for the internally displaced persons in the collective shelters. Instructions for keeping distance are quite difficult to apply in collective shelters due to the limited space.

International responses to COVID-19 Pandemic in Kosovo and globally

EU’s announced a support package for Kosovo: Euro 5 million for immediate needs in cooperation with UNOPS); 50 million to ease socio-economic impact, and up to 13 million in budget support. The US government through USAID has committed a first tranche of $1.1 million to, through WHO and UNICEF cover immediate needs to increase national capacities in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Norway confirmed a contribution of 450,000 Euros and Switzerland (SDC) confirmed a contribution 430,000 Euros. With support from UNDP, these funds will be used to purchase mobile ventilators which are expected to reach Kosovo by early May.

Overall, Germany is one of top 5 donors to WHO in its response to COVID-19 globally. On 31 March 2020, a joint global statement by UNHCR, IOM, OHCHR and WHO, was released, calling for protection of Refugees and Migrants, reminding of LNOB during the COVID-19 Pandemic: “We cannot allow fear or intolerance to undermine rights or compromise the effectiveness of responses to the global pandemic.
We are all in this together. We can only defeat this virus when each one of us is protected.”

Globally, UNHCR launched a $255 million appeal on 26 March as part of the wider UN appeal. On 3 April, Sony responded positively to the appeal, the first private sector to respond.


The UN SG’s call for global cease-fire on 23 March 2020 backed by among other dignities by Pope Francis, UN Messengers of Peace [LINK](https://avaaz.org/campaign/en/global_cease-fire_loc/) and heeded by various warring parties as ceasefire was declared in Philippines, Yemen, Cameroon, Colombia, as well as fragile truce in parts of Middle East. The appeal has been signed by more than 1,5 million people online [https://avaaz.org/campaign/en/global_cease-fire_loc/](https://avaaz.org/campaign/en/global_cease-fire_loc/)
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WHO, UNICEF and UNDP partnered with WhatsApp with the aim is to get real time health information to billions around the world on COVID-19: The WhatsApp Corona-virus Information Hub provides simple, actionable guidance for health workers, educators, community leaders, nonprofits, local governments and local businesses and offers general tips and resources to reduce the spread of rumors and connect with accurate health information: https://www.whatsapp.com/coronavirus
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