

## 1. Epidemiological situation (WHO data: as of 12 March 2020)

### Number of cases

- Lebanon: 66 cases, 3 death (local transmission)
- West Bank 30 cases, 0 deaths (local transmission)
- Jordan 1 case, 0 deaths (imported case)
- Gaza 0 case, 0 deaths
- Syria 0 case, 0 deaths

**ALL COUNTRIES at HIGH RISK: PANDEMIC**

### Global situation

- 125,048 cases, 4,613 deaths

### Situation in neighboring countries

- Iran: 9,000 cases, 354 deaths
- Iraq: 70 cases, 7 deaths
- Egypt: 67 cases, 1 death
- Israel: 75 cases, 0 deaths

(Ref: [WHO](#))

## 2. UNRWA operations

Country	Affected operations
Gaza	Schools, Gaza Training Centre (GTC) and Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC) closed
WB	Schools closed this month. Food distribution stopped. All infrastructure projects are suspended. Access restricted between Jerusalem & WB. Some staff in Jerusalem under home quarantine
Jordan	None
Lebanon	Schools closed, and offices work with essential staff only
Syria	None

**NOTE:** Health centres operational in all fields, preparing triage care for people with respiratory symptoms. Meetings conducted remotely within UNRWA & with partners (tele/videoconferences, Zoom, WebEx, etc)

## 3. COVID-19 intranet site and COVID-19 HR Questions and Answers (13 March 2020)

### What is on the [COVID-19 intranet site](#)?

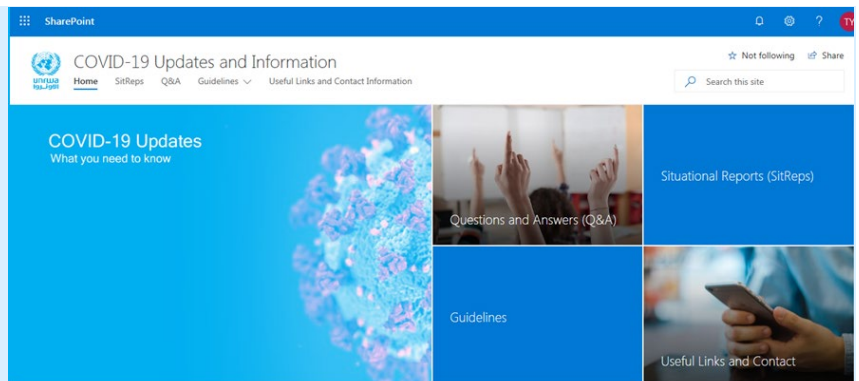
You will find useful information and updates on COVID-19, and a repository of UNRWA communication on COVID-19, like guidelines on how to protect yourself, HR FAQs, Sit-reps and useful links to the UN and WHO updates.

### What is new in the updated [COVID-19 HR Questions and Answers](#)?

You will find answers to your questions on leave and attendance, official and private travel, Rest and Recuperation (R&R) and Health Insurance. It also includes an updated [Annex 1](#) with important contact information on HR Focal Points, Health Focal Points, Travel/ Administrative Services Focal Points and a list of hospitals for Head Quarters and Field Offices.

Should you have any HR related questions, please contact the HR Department at your duty station. You can also send your necessary and urgent questions to [unrwa-covid19@UNRWA.ORG](mailto:unrwa-covid19@UNRWA.ORG).

**UNRWA** continues to work closely with host countries, WHO and other stakeholders to scale up its preparedness. In health centres, we identify those respiratory symptoms and provide care and referral, when needed, through a triage system. UNRWA works as one team to respond to COVID-19 pandemic.



For more info, please visit the following websites: [WHO](#) [WHO/ Eastern Mediterranean Office](#)



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