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COVID-19, the coronavirus – FSP-PTK (Kosovo)



The COVID-19 virus has affected the Republic of Kosovo in the health and economic sectors, similar to other European countries.



The number of unemployed is increasing every day, mostly in the private sector, and the country's GDP is expected to decrease by about 4%.



Telecom and the Post office are working with limit capacity of up to 30% of employees as a preventive measure to stop the spread of

possible infection.

FSP-PTK is in constant contact with employees through video conference in order to maintain professional commitment to workers' rights.

The public and civil servants sector has not been affected. Most employees are working from home.

From February 8 to May 1, 2020, in the Laboratory of Molecular Microbiology at Kosovo National Institute of Public Health with the RT-PCR method, a total of 7,423 suspicious samples were tested in the SARS-CoV-2 virus and a total eight hundred and thirteen (813) cases tested positive, while a total of twenty two (22) cases have died and who have had other concomitant diseases.

The Government of Kosovo, through emergency packages, is working closely with the Economic Chamber of Kosovo (ECK) and has begun payments for the next two months to guarantee a minimum payment of 170 euros for employees.



With the hope that COVID-19 has started to fall in the number of infected and increase the number of cured (271) in the following days we expect relief of the masses and return to economic life in the country.

We also wish for all the affected countries to return to normality as soon as possible.

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