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Picture of the week

MDA paramedic, Itzik Shushan
and his children were sampled for
coronavirus at our Drive-Thru centers.
Their visit was quick and professional
and came out with a smile under
their masks.



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As part of the fight against the spread of the Corona virus and in order to reduce the time for receiving Corona test results, the Ministry of Health and Magen David Adom began pilot at the MDA "Drive and Test" complex in Lod in cooperation with the Meuhedet and Clalit HMOs. Today, the average time to receive results is 48-72 hours, depending on the laboratory's work load and the number of daily tests. As part of the trial, the Ministry of Health is interested in reducing the waiting time to only 15 minutes.

A pilot began yesterday (Wednesday) at the MDA "Drive and Test" in Lod in the presence of Health Minister Yuli Edelstein and Deputy Health Minister MK Yoav Kish who have personally accompany the program from the beginning. Magen David Adom, Israel's National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization, which was chosen to take the samples for the trial, set up a dedicated mobile laboratory at the "Drive and Test" facility using mobile laboratory technology developed by "Sofia". The system brings innovative technology of speed and mobility and can be adapted for use in specific locations which require a more rapid response such as nursing homes, military bases, airports and more. Only those who come with a referral from their physician for a Corona test are sampled. Participants are requested to allow for two tests to be obtained at the same time - one regular and for the rapid laboratory, with the results attached to a test sent to the lab and tested for comparison with the regular test. A dedicated computing platform will monitor the tests, decryption times and treatment pace. The results will be forwarded to the Ministry of Health and after the results are completed and evaluated, the expansion of the trial will be determined.

MDA Medical Director, Dr. Rafael Strugo: "We at

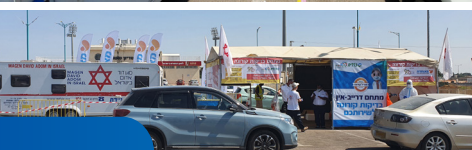
MDA believe that the cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the trial will yield results in the field, shorten the wait times and make the testing process more efficient and simpler for all parties - testers and patients. Rapid results will make it possible to increase the range of tests and thus more effectively track and manage the spread of the virus.

Deputy Minister of Health, MK Yoav Kish: "At the request of Minister Edelstein, I started looking for technologies that could help in the fight against the Corona virus. This system operates in the United States with hundreds of thousands of tests and is of course FDA approved (in an expedited procedure). The big advantage of the system is that it is in the field and can provide 40 tests per hour and can certainly suit nursing homes and other sensitive places. We will continue to search and test technology from Israel and the world that can help the State of Israel in dealing with the Corona virus. I would like to thank MDA for joining the trial and the Clalit and Meuhedet HMOs that operate the pilot complex in Lod".

Health Minister Yuli Edelstein: "In recent days, we have crossed the 30,000 mark of tests per day, thanks in part to the My Heritage lab we put into operation. Towards winter, the number of tests must be significantly increased and the time until results reduced. These will help us break the chain of infection. The Ministry of Health is working tirelessly on this.

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "We congratulate the Minister of Health and the Deputy Minister on the start of the trial with the latest technology, which will help all those involved in the mission. Shortening the response time for citizens is an essential part of the national fight against the spread of the Corona virus in Israel. We will continue to be at the forefront

of the fight against the spread of the virus, which is currently on the rise. I sincerely hope that the results of the trial will help dramatically reduce waiting times and provide a quick diagnosis for future patients that will also have a positive effect on the entire economy."



The Life of a 13-Year-Old Boy who Suffered a Cardiac Arrest During a Football Game was Saved Thanks to the MDA Team

The boys' soccer game in Nahariya almost ended in tragedy. About a 2weeks ago, Eilon Gabriel Atel (13) and his friends met at a neighborhood football game. Suddenly, in the middle of the game, Eilon grabbed his chest, suffered a cardiac arrest and collapsed on the ground. His frightened friends called MDA's 101 Emergency Dispatch Center and with telephone guidance from the paramedic at the dispatch center, began to provide him with primary medical assistance and perform basic resuscitation until MDA teams arrived. Within minutes, an MDA ambulance and intensive care unit arrived at the scene – the teams began performing advanced resuscitation, which included chest compressions, medications and electric shocks from a defibrillator. After long minutes of resuscitation, the young boy's heart re-started. MDA paramedics continued medical treatment

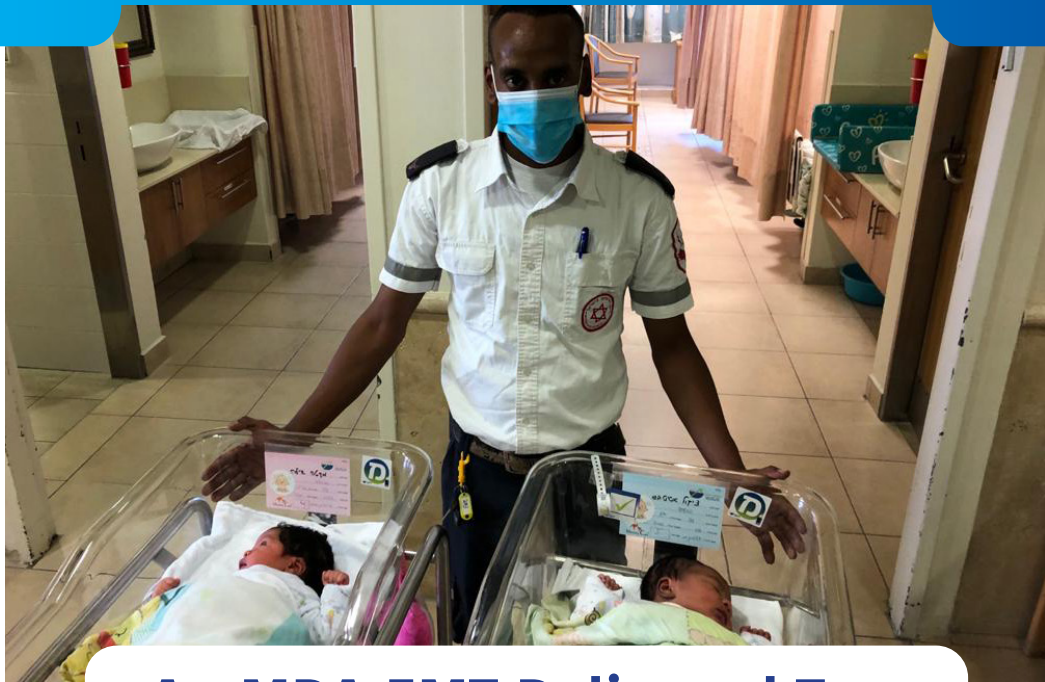
while evacuating the boy to the hospital where doctors continued to fight for his life until he awoke and regained consciousness.

A senior MDA EMT, Feras Rayes, who arrived at the football field first, said: “As soon as I arrived at the field, I saw a young boy unconscious and the people who were there performing basic resuscitation operations under the guidance of the medic from the MDA dispatch center. We started performing advanced resuscitation operations, and with the help of the team from the intensive care unit, we continued our efforts until his heart began beating on its own.

Amit Orenshen, an MDA paramedic, said: “We arrived at the scene with the MICU and continued the resuscitation operations. This is not a common situation to perform resuscitation operations on a young boy and we really fought for him. In the first few seconds after the electric shocks, I saw on the screen of the defibrillator that Eilon's heart was beating again and we were all very relieved. His friends really shouted for joy on the pitch.” Amit added, “To see Eilon standing on his feet today is very exciting. As a paramedic at MDA, there is no better feeling than knowing that I have a part in Eilon returning to his family and smiling.”

Meshi Atal, Eilon's mother, said: “We have no words to thank the medic at the MDA dispatch center who instructed those who were in Eilon's area how to start performing the resuscitation operations and the teams that arrived quickly at the football field and brought Eilon back to us. We have no doubt that without their dedicated care in the first and critical minutes Eilon would not have been with us today. The warm embrace of Feras and Amit who came to visit Eilon at the hospital even when he was unconscious gave us strength and helped us get through the difficult moments until Eilon woke up and came back to us. Thanks to them, we won the him back. “





An MDA EMT Delivered Two Babies within Four Hours

Daniel Yasso, an MDA EMT and ambulance driver, began the morning shift in a completely routine manner about a week ago (Tuesday). Yasso has been working for the organization for three years, during which he has treated a wide variety of cases and thousands of patients, but had yet to deliver a baby.

About a week ago, during the shift, only a few hours apart - Yasso was required to deliver two babies of residents of Netanya when he was evacuated to Laniado Hospital in the city. In the first infant, a boy was born at 08:27, followed by a girl at 12:20.

Tesfahon and Atitgb Tsekla said after the birth of their son: "It was an easy experience but Daniel's presence made it easier. He was capable and professional. G-D really sent him specifically to help us."

Gadi and Ayala Makata excitedly told about the birth of their daughter: "Daniel is really professional, we were impressed by his calmness and seriousness. One moment he was driving the ambulance and as soon as the EMT who was with him told him that the birth had started, he stopped at the side of the road and together they gave birth to our daughter. We were both very relaxed thanks to them and we are very thankful to them for helping us in these happy moments. We have no words to thank them."

Yasu said excitedly: "For three years I was waiting for this moment. During the MDA medics course I learned how to deliver a baby and also practiced it with smart dolls, but I was a little worried about the first birth I would have to do on my own. I received a double dose of joy and helped delivering two healthy, cute babies. In my first birth, I was a little nervous. By the second birth I was already more experienced and relaxed. Now I'm already looking forward to the next case."

An MDA 101 Hotline's EMT did not Remain Indifferent to the Distress of an Elderly Man who Called

Shirel Daskal and Liel Shitrit, EMTs at MDA's 101 Emergency Call Center, received an unusual phone call last week.

On the other side of the line was Morris (78) requesting a corona test, he then shared that he is in isolation without a family and that he is left with his last slices of bread.

At the end of the shift, Shirel Daskal could not remain indifferent and decided to help him. She contacted her sister Yonat - who works at the Corona hotline in the organization and the two decided that he must be helped in every way possible. The next morning, the Daskal sisters collected donations from MDA National Operation's employees and volunteers to buy groceries. Next, they had another conversation with Morris and ask what he likes to eat and what he need, and made a large shopping list. Yesterday, MDA sample taker Efi Levy arrived at Morris' house to sample for the corona virus, after which he handed the elderly man many cartons and supermarket bags full of food - donated by MDA's Corona hotline staff.

Morris used to get a food basket every week. Due to being in isolation, he was unable to go and pickup the food. After the conversation with the dispatch center, Shirel, immediately rallied everyone to help. The shopping list included frozen food, cans, basic products, hygiene products, drinks and more.

Regarding the unconventional conversation and the extraordinary gesture, Shirel said excitedly: "During the recent phone calls, which deal with home Corona tests, we came across an unusual conversation that caught me off guard. I could not remain indifferent to the case, and after the night shift - I promised myself I would do something. I could not sleep at night from the thoughts of him. Immediately in the morning we called him again, we found out the details and asked him what he likes to eat and what he lacks, to put together a shopping list especially for him. I contacted my sister Yonat, and we raised more than NIS 1,600 from our friends at dispatch center." When asked, Shirel and Yonat Daskal added: "It's an amazing feeling, we had great distress in our hearts until the moment the food arrived. It is a great feeling, knowing that his fridge is full of good food he likes and that he is not going to sleep hungry. We really want to meet him", which is unfortunately not possible due to him being in isolation. The sample taker, an MDA senior EMT, Efi Levy, who came to Morris' house to sample the corona virus and give the food baskets, said of the meeting: "We did a very big act of kindness that is accompanied by medical help. Immediately after I took a sample from him I brought into the house the crates with the food we bought. It was very exciting to see his joy. It is an act with great satisfaction that made us feel good."

After receiving the groceries and being sampled for COVID Morris said happily: "Thank you thank you thank you for what you brought me. It will take me a year to finish all the food. I want to wish everyone life full good things only . Thank you all for all the people. I am now happy





The First Birth on Duty - His Own Baby

An MDA EMT delivers his own baby in the middle of his

On Saturday afternoon about a week ago, when Abraham Ivri, a resident of Shadmot Mehola, was on duty as an MDA EMT in the Gilboa region - he did not imagine that his shift would end with the birth of his sixth daughter. Abraham immediately called MDA to dispatch the ambulance crew closest to their home and senior EMT MDA volunteer, Mati Karmi and Orit Ohana, an MDA volunteer paramedic and family friend, were called. The team arrived at Reut's home and after an initial assessment, began evacuating her to the hospital. During this, Abraham was working feverishly to find a replacement for his shift so he would arrive in time for the birth.

After a few minutes, Abraham left the shift thanks to a replacement he found - and hurried to the hospital, where along the way he was updated by Orit, who in the meantime continued to provide medical treatment to Reut. Moments before arriving at the hospital, the birth began to reach its crucial stages and the ambulance was forced to stop at the side of the road. Moments later, the birth began. Just at that time - Abraham arrived and jumped in to the ambulance, in perfect timing to assist his wife.

About the dramatic moments, Orit Ohana, an MDA paramedic in the Gilboa region, said: "Recently, Abraham talked a lot about the fact that he is afraid of missing the birth, because of the shifts. That evening he called me and told me it was happening and asked me to hurry to Reut. We were in touch with him throughout the trip, we wanted him to be a partner in the process and to our delight he arrived at just the right time and just jumped into the ambulance when the active birthing process

began. He functioned at that moment as an EMT and as a husband - who on the one hand takes care of the medical aspects and on the other hand encourages and embraces. He was very excited and we were all happy that Abraham was the one who assisted his wife and that he managed to arrive on time."

Regarding the timing, the stress and the happy ending, the excited father recalled: "I have been on maternity alert for two weeks now and trying to calculate the shifts and I am always attached to my phone. This week it happened, and I immediately spoke to MDA and Orit to help my wife. I was able to quickly find a replacement at work and drove to the hospital, intending to arrive even before the birth. Happily, I arrived just as the girl was starting out, and I actually did my first birth in the organization - when the woman giving birth was my wife. It was stressful and exciting together - both because it was a first birth, medically I wanted to make sure everything was going as well as possible, and also because it was my baby. Mixed emotions. I experienced the event in an extraordinary way - both as an EMT and as a father. Orit managed to take care of me and my wife and managed the event very professionally. From the day my wife found out she was pregnant, our sons laughed and raised the possibility that I would just be on duty. "When they entered the maternity ward at the hospital, and I was in an MDA uniform - the nurses did not understand why I entered the room. It took them a while to understand that I was also the father and the EMT who delivered the baby."