On 15 March 2020 the Lebanese Cabinet announced Decision № 1 regarding the general mobilization to confront the Corona virus. This plan included a set of measures and regulations among which was the closure of the seaports, airports, and land border posts, with some exceptions for the UNIFIL and diplomatic missions accredited in Lebanon, international organizations, freight planes, etc.

The decision dealt as well with social distancing and quarantine measures, and the closure of universities, schools, kindergartens, in addition to public and private sector entities or regulation of their activities.

The port of Beirut and the international airport contain refrigerated areas designed for the storage of several kinds of merchandise including medicines and medical equipment.