

UPDATE March 18:

Eight new coronavirus cases were confirmed in Lithuania on Wednesday, bringing the total number of infections to 34.

One of Wednesday's cases is the first infection contracted in Lithuania rather than abroad.

All other Covid-19 cases in Lithuania are thought to have been contracted abroad.

Meanwhile, 1027 coronavirus tests have been done in Lithuania on Wednesday.

The patients recently visited countries, including Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, France and the UK.

The first woman who was diagnosed with the virus in Lithuania has already recovered and been released from hospital.

The Lithuanian government allocated on Wednesday another 30.56 million euros to the Health Ministry for anti-coronavirus measures.

The money will come from borrowed funds, because the state's reserve is insufficient to cover the costs.

Some 14 million euros will go to purchase artificial ventilation devices and the remaining 16.56 million euros will be used to buy protective gear for healthcare workers.

The government also approved 122,000 euros from the state reserve for Kaunas Municipality's 1808 coronavirus hotline service.