

UPDATE April 1:

Number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Lithuania: 581

Deaths: 8

Recovered: 7

Number of tests performed yesterday: 1 849

A total of samples tested in relation to the suspected coronavirus to date: 12 574

In an effort to curb the economic fallout of the coronavirus crisis, shore up the liquidity of companies and provide a stimulus to business development, the Lithuanian government decided on Wednesday to set up a fund for investment in coronavirus-affected businesses.

The fund will invest in medium and large-sized companies experiencing temporary difficulties due to the coronavirus-triggered situation to help ensure sufficient liquidity, additional funding and business continuity after the crisis is over.

The government allocated 100 million euros in state budget funds for the creation of the fund which is expected to be launched on April 15. The new fund will lend and invest money directly, rather than through financial intermediaries.

The Lithuanian government decided on Wednesday to establish a centralized COVID-19 information system. The system, which is expected to start operating in early April, will allow collecting, accumulating and analyzing data on coronavirus cases, quarantine measures, and the movement of people.