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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority pursuant to Section 80(1)(g) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Public Health Protection and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), **orders** this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on protecting the population and on preventing the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

- 1 All persons at social service providers, at facilities for persons with medical disabilities, at seniors' homes and homes with a special regime, protected housing and safe houses, and at social service providers providing alleviating services in the form of social services and social service providers providing nursing services, personal assistance and independent housing support (hereinafter referred to as "social service providers"), who perform
 - a) medical occupations pursuant to Act No. 95/2004 Coll., on the conditions for obtaining and recognizing professional qualifications and specialized qualifications for the medical profession of a doctor, dentist and pharmacist, as amended, or Act no. 96/2004 Coll., On conditions of acquisition and recognition of qualification for the pursuit of non-medical healthcare professions and for activities related to the provision of healthcare and on amendments to some related acts (Act on Non-medical Healthcare Professions), as amended (hereinafter referred to as "healthcare workers"),
 - b) basic activities in the provision of social services pursuant to Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on Social Services, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "social service workers"),

are ordered, if they discover or have been informed based on a performed epidemiological investigation that they have come into direct contact with a person that has been diagnosed with the COVID-19 disease (hereinafter referred to as "high-risk exposure"), to inform their employer - a social service provider - of this fact immediately.

2. All social service providers pursuant to paragraph 1 are ordered

- a) if it is discovered that a healthcare worker or social service worker who, within their employment relationship with the given provider, provides healthcare services or basic activities in the provision of social services at its facility, came into high-risk exposure, but does not have clinical symptoms of COVID-19, to immediately decide whether the performance of work by the given healthcare worker or social service worker is essential to ensure the provision of social or healthcare services by this provider,

- b) If the performance of work by the healthcare professional or social service professional who has been subject to High-risk Exposure is not essential for ensuring the provision of social or medical services by the provider, or if this professional has clinical symptoms of COVID-19, they shall inform the public health authority having territorial competence of this fact,
 - c) if the performance of work by the healthcare worker or social service worker who came into high-risk exposure and does not have clinical symptoms of COVID-19 disease, is essential for ensuring the provision of healthcare or social services by this provider, to ensure conditions for the performance of work by this worker in accordance with the rules under paragraph 4. The social service provider shall inform the public health authority having territorial competence of this fact immediately.
3. The regional public health authorities and the City of Prague Public Health Authority are ordered
- a) to order a healthcare professional or social service worker, with respect to whom the social service provider reported the fact under point 2(b), into quarantine pursuant to the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health which stipulates the procedures and rules for ordering isolation and quarantine to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (hereinafter referred to as "isolation and quarantine measures"),
 - b) to order a healthcare professional or social service worker, with respect to whom the social service provider reported the fact under point 2(c), into quarantine pursuant to the isolation and quarantine measures, whereas these quarantine measures allow the performance of work by a healthcare professional or social service worker pursuant to point 4,
 - c) if the healthcare professional or social service worker was ordered into quarantine pursuant to the isolation and quarantine measures and the social service provider subsequently reported to the public health authority having territorial competence the fact pursuant to point 2(c), to change the quarantine measures so as to allow the performance of the healthcare professional's or social service worker's work pursuant to point 4.
4. All healthcare workers and social service worker without clinical symptoms who came into high-risk exposure, but with respect to whom the provider has decided that the performance of the work by the given healthcare worker or social service worker is essential to ensure the provision of services by this provider, are ordered to obey the following rules:
- The professional shall work with an FFP2-class respirator without an exhale valve for at least 10 days;
 - the healthcare worker uses a single respirator for a maximum of 4 hours,
 - during rest and meals at the social service provider's facility, the healthcare worker uses a room in which no other persons are present,
 - the worker works in such a manner so as to minimise contact with other workers and persons to whom they are not providing healthcare services, or for whom they are not performing basic activities in the provision of social services, the worker limits their movement around the social service provider's facility to the essential degree, the professional shall regularly monitor their state of health with a focus on possible clinical symptoms of COVID-19. Should clinical symptoms of the COVID-19 disease appear, they shall stop working without undue delay and report this fact to their employer, the professional shall undergo a swab from their nasopharynx for the purpose of RT-PCR testing for SARS-CoV-2, with the first test being performed within 4-5 days from the high-risk contact and the second test being conducted 10 days from the high-risk contact,
 - if the results of both RT-PCR tests are negative, the tested professional may perform work without the aforementioned restrictions and the quarantine measure shall be terminated,
 - in the case of a positive RT-PCR test result, the procedure pursuant to isolation and quarantine measures applies.
5. In the case of healthcare workers or social service workers who are not in an employment relationship with the social service provider, e.g. who themselves are social service providers or healthcare services

providers, the above rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

This extraordinary measure cancels the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health Ref No. MZDR 36813/2020-2/MIN/KAN, of 1 September 2020, is repealed.

III

This extraordinary measure takes effect at 12:00 a.m. on 5 October 2020.

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