

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**, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in protecting the population and to prevent the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, this extraordinary measure:

I.

All providers of in-patient medical care are ordered, effective from 10 March 2020, to prohibit visits by patients in medical institutions in which in-patient care is provided, with the exception of:

- Underage patients;
- Patients whose legal capacity has been restricted;
- Women in labour;
- Patients in hospices and other patients in terminal stages of incurable diseases.

All social service facilities (as defined by Section 34 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on social services) operating in an in-patient form and all alleviating social services operating in in-patient form, are ordered, effective from 10 March 2020, to prohibit visits by all persons with the exception of:

- Underage users of social services;
- Users of social services whose legal capacity has been restricted;
- Users of social services in terminal stages of incurable diseases.

II.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on its day of issue.

Rationale:

This extraordinary measure has been issued in connection with adverse development of the epidemiological situation in terms of the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in Europe.

With a view to the current spread of the COVID-19 disease in the Czech Republic as well as in most European Union countries and generally in more than 100 countries around the world, it is necessary to prevent a further spread of COVID-19.

This measure is an important prerequisite for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic in relation to at-risk groups of persons.

Immediate implementation of the measure is required due to the daily increase in the number of persons infected in the Czech Republic, which is why this extraordinary measure shall take effect on its day of issue.

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Signed electronically