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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**, 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 novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, the following extraordinary measure:

I.

With effect from 18 March 2020, all inpatient healthcare services providers are ordered to ban visits to patients at healthcare facilities where inpatient care is provided, except for:

- **minor patients,**
- **patients with limited legal capacity,**
- **patients at hospices and other patients in terminal stages of incurable diseases.**

II.

With effect from 18 March 2020, all inpatient social services facilities (pursuant to Section 34 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on social services) and all inpatient auxiliary social services are ordered to ban personal visits, except for:

- **minor users of social services,**
- **users of social services with limited legal capacity,**
- **users of social services in terminal stages of incurable diseases.**

III.

The issue of this extraordinary measures cancels the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 9 March 2020 (Ref. No. 10519/2020-1/MIN/KAN).

IV.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the day of its issue.

Rationale:

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

Given the current spread of the COVID-19 disease in the Czech Republic, most European Union countries and over 100 countries around the world generally, preventing further spread of the COVID-19 disease is essential.

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

Compared to the extraordinary measure of 9 March 2020 (Ref No. 10519/2020-1/MIN/KAN), the extent of this extraordinary measure now also applies to the presence of fathers during childbirth, among others, which is hereby banned.

Immediate implementation of the measure is required because of the daily increases in the number of infected individuals in the Czech Republic and is hence the reason for the effective date of this extraordinary measure being the date of its issue.

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Signed electronically