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 preventing the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, this Extraordinary Measure:

I.

1. Effective as at 30 March 2020, all public health protection authorities, pursuant to Act No. 258/2000 Coll., requesting the taking of a sample for the examination of a patient for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, are ordered to use for that purpose exclusively electronic request forms, which are to be filled in and submitted in the technical environment of the National Healthcare Information System and in ministry registers, and which are available at:

- https://eregpublicsecure.ksrzis.cz/Registr/CUD/Overeni/Prihlaseni and

supplemented with specific access links to the technical environment of the National Healthcare Information System and in ministry registers, which are sent out by the Czech Institute for Healthcare Information and Statistics to electronic mail contact addresses of public health protection bodies, pursuant to Act No. 258/2000 Coll.

2. Effective as at 30 March 2020, all healthcare services providers requesting the taking of a sample for the examination of a patient for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, are ordered, if not using any other type of request form, to use for that purpose electronic request forms, which are to be filled in and submitted in the technical environment of the National Healthcare Information System and in ministry registers, and which are available at:

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supplemented with specific access links to the technical environment of the National Healthcare Information System and in ministry registers, which are sent out by the Czech Institute for Healthcare Information and Statistics to electronic mail contact addresses of healthcare services providers listed in the National Register of Healthcare Services Providers.

3. Effective as at 30 March 2020, all healthcare services providers who take samples for the examination of a patient for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus are ordered to take samples also on the basis of electronic request forms completed and submitted by a healthcare services provider or a public health protection authority pursuant to Section 258/2000 Coll., requesting the examination, in the technical environment of the National Healthcare Information System and in ministry registers, and which are available at:

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supplemented with specific access links to the technical environment of the National Healthcare Information System and in ministry registers which are sent out by the Czech Institute for Healthcare Information and Statistics to contact addresses of electronic mail of healthcare services providers listed in the National Register of Healthcare Services Providers.

4. Effective as at 30 March 2020, all healthcare services providers are ordered to ensure that a person entering the electronic request form system pursuant to paragraph 3, in order to become familiar with the contents of the request form, state its identification in the log-in form in the electronic request form system (a code provided by the healthcare services provider will suffice).

5. Effective as at 30 March 2020, all healthcare services providers and all public health protection authorities pursuant to Act No. 258/202 Coll. who request a control examination for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, in persons in whom a prior examination showed the presence of the coronavirus, are ordered to state in the request form that the examination is a “control examination”.

6. Effective as at 30 March 2020, all healthcare services providers and all public health protection authorities pursuant to Act No. 258/202 Coll. are ordered to state in the request form that, when requesting an examination for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, the requested examination method (PCR or rapid test).

7. Effective as at 30 March 2020, all entities performing examinations of samples for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus are ordered, if the examination request form states “control examination”, to report the outcome of the examination through the Infectious Disease information System (ISIN), administered by the Ministry of Health and maintained in line with Act No. 258/2000 Coll.

II.

This Extraordinary Measure shall take effect on the date of its issue.

Rationale:

The Extraordinary Measure has been issued in connection with the adverse development of
the epidemiological situation in terms of the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease, caused by the novel coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic.

The Measure introduces the possibility of submitting electronic request forms for examining patients for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, in the technical environment of the National Healthcare Information System and in ministry registers, which is mandatory for public health protection authorities. It is not a mandatory method of completing and submitting request forms for healthcare services providers, but they can also use this method.

The subject of the Measure is to ensure necessary complete information about all patients examined for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus and of the results of those examinations, through an information system managed by the Ministry of Health, established and administered on the basis of Act No. 258/2000 Coll.

This Measure is an important prerequisite for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic.

Immediate implementation of the Measure is required for adequate evaluation of the risks related to the present adverse epidemiological situation in terms of the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease.

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