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 amendments to 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., in order to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

Effective from 22 April 2020, all registering providers of healthcare services in the field of general practical medicine and practical paediatric medicine are ordered to terminate quarantine for those persons who were ordered into quarantine due to contact with a person with the COVID-19 disease, provided all of the following clinical and laboratory criteria are fulfilled:

a) the passing of 14 days from the first day of ordered quarantine,
b) the absence of clinical symptoms of the COVID-19 disease after the passing of 14 days from ordering the quarantine; the person is afebrile (temperature < 37,0 °C) and has no health problems associated with COVID-19, which cannot be explained by another disease (cough, shortness of breath, digestion problems, cold, loss of taste and smell),
c) the performance of a blood test for the presence of antibodies - RAPID test (hereinafter referred to as “RT”) or PCR swab test of the upper respiratory passages (hereinafter referred to as the “PCR test”) no sooner than 14 days from ordering the quarantine; if the person did not take a PCR test, the provider is obliged to perform a RT or ensure its performance upon prior agreement by another healthcare service provider, and
d) negative results for the presence of IgM and IgG class antibodies in the RT or PCR test (in the case of a positive result for the presence of IgM and/or IgG class antibodies, the result of the PCR test will decide about the termination of the quarantine).
II. Effective from 22 April 2020, the regional hygienic stations are ordered, as concerns persons, who do not have a registering provider in the field of general practical medicine or paediatric medicine,

a) to terminate their quarantine, provided the criteria pursuant to paragraph I are fulfilled;
b) to designate a healthcare service provider who will terminate the quarantine based on local competence.

III. Effective from 22 April 2020, the providers designated under paragraph II(b) are ordered to proceed pursuant to paragraph I.

IV. Effective from 22 April 2020, all healthcare service providers in the field of general practical medicine and paediatric medicine who perform the collection of samples and examination of patients for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus using a RAPID test are ordered to record the data and the result of the performed test by means of an electronic application, which is available in the technical environment of the National Healthcare Information System and department registries, and at the addresses:

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

supplemented with specific access links to the technical environment of the National Healthcare Information System and department registries, sent out by the Czech Institute of Health Information and Statistics to the contact e-mail addresses of healthcare service providers, listed in the National Register of Healthcare Service Providers.

V. Effective from 22 April 2020, all healthcare service providers and regional hygienic stations terminating quarantine are ordered to instruct the person whose quarantine is being terminated about the need to continue monitoring their health condition and observing basic hygienic rules.

VI. The extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 9 April 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 15757/2020-6/MIN/KAN, is repealed.
VII.
This extraordinary measure takes effect on the date of its issue.

Rationale:
This 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 clinical and laboratory criteria for terminating home quarantine are based on the current limited knowledge concerning the spectrum of clinical symptoms of the disease, the possibilities of contagion and results of laboratory tests among persons who came into contact with a patient proven to have the COVID-19 disease, or who returned from countries with an increased risk of occurrence of this disease. The rules for terminating home quarantine for persons with a risk of the COVID-19 disease are among the important conditions for protecting society and preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease, caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, particularly by persons who have no symptoms of the disease. The procedure imposed on healthcare service providers in the fields of general medicine and general paediatric medicine ensues, among other, from the suggestions of the regions and Central Crisis Staff in connection to managing the provision of healthcare services in connection to the epidemic.

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