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 the amendment 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)(b) 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.

1. Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 1 July 2020 until the cancellation of this extraordinary measure, operations are restricted at inpatient healthcare facilities and residential social care facilities, in that the providers of inpatient healthcare services and residential social care facilities (pursuant to Section 34 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on Social Services) in residential form and facilitating social services in residential form must observe the following rules:
   - As concerns the presence of a legal guardian or person designated by the legal guardian, foster parent or other person to whose care the patient was entrusted by decision of the court or another authority, custodian or person designated by the custodian, in the case of a person whose mental capacity is restricted so that they are unable to assess the provision of medical services or the consequences of their provision, a close person or person designated by the patient, or other persons who wish to visit the patient, maximally two persons may be allowed in the presence of the patient at one time; exceptions may be permitted in cases worthy of special consideration, e.g. if the visitor requires support and accompaniment.
   - Each person visiting the patient will be asked about the symptoms of the COVID-19 disease, e.g. in the form of a questionnaire.
   - Persons visiting the patient will have their temperature taken. If the visitor has a temperature of more than 37.0 °C or other positive symptoms of the disease, they must not be allowed to visit the patient.
   - The aforementioned restrictions do not apply to the presence of visitors with patients in terminal stages of incurable diseases.
   - If possible, visits will take place in the outdoor areas of the facility (garden, common terrace, etc.) or in single rooms or in a room reserved for this purpose.
   - In the case of visits in double or multiple rooms, screens or similar obstacles must be placed between the beds.
   - After each visit, the surfaces touched by hands will be disinfected using a product with virucidal effect.

The term “patient” also refers to a “social service user"
2. Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 1 July 2020 until the cancellation of this extraordinary measure, the legal guardian or person designated by the legal guardian, foster parent or other person into whose care the patient was entrusted by a decision of the court or another authority, custodian or person designated by the custodian, in the case of a person whose mental capacity is restricted so that they are unable to assess the provision of medical services or the consequences of their provision, a close person or person designated by the patient, or other persons who wish to visit the patient, are obliged to observe the restrictions set forth in paragraph 1.

3. Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 1 July 2020 until the cancellation of this extraordinary measure, all persons in inpatient healthcare facilities and residential social care facilities and healthcare workers providing healthcare services outside of healthcare facilities shall be obliged to wear protective coverings of the mouth and nose which prevent the spread of droplets, with the exception of certain cases worthy of consideration which shall be determined by the provider of healthcare or social care services or the attending physician, e.g. if this is necessary for provision of healthcare services.

II.

Effective from 1 July 2020, the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 19 May 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 16214/2020-3/MIN/KAN, is cancelled.

III.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the date it is issued.

Mgr. et Mgr. Adam Vojtěch, MHA
Minister for Health
Signed electronically