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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., in protecting the population and preventing the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, this Extraordinary Measure:

I.

1. **All persons engaged in medical professions pursuant to Act No. 95/2004 Coll., on the Conditions for Obtaining and the Recognition of Professional Competence and Specialised Competence to Engage in the Medical Profession of a Physician, Dentist, and Pharmacist, as amended, and pursuant to Act No. 96/2004 Coll., on the Conditions for Obtaining and the Recognition of Competence to Engage in the Paramedical Profession and for Engaging in Activities related to the Provision of Medical Care and amending certain related acts (the Act on Paramedical Professions), as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Healthcare Professionals”) are ordered, in the event that they discover or if they were informed based on an epidemiological investigation that they had been directly exposed to a person in whom the COVID-19 was confirmed (hereinafter referred to as “High-risk Exposure”), to inform their employer – a healthcare service provider – thereof without undue delay.**
2. **All healthcare service providers are ordered to adhere to the following rules:**
 - a) **Should a healthcare service provider ascertain that a healthcare professional providing medical services on behalf of the healthcare service provider as an employee has been subject to High-risk Exposure, but does not have clinical symptoms of COVID-19, the healthcare service provider shall decide whether the performance of work by the healthcare professional concerned is essential for ensuring the provision of medical services by the provider,**
 - b) **If the performance of work by the healthcare professional who has been subject to High-risk Exposure is not essential for ensuring the provision of medical services by the provider, or if the healthcare professional has clinical symptoms of COVID-19, the healthcare service provider shall inform the public health authority having territorial competence of this fact,**
 - c) **If the performance of work by the healthcare professional who has been subject to High-risk Exposure is essential for ensuring the provision of medical services by the**

provider, the healthcare service provider and the healthcare professional shall proceed in line with paragraph 4. The healthcare service provider shall inform the public health authority having territorial competence of this fact.

3. The regional public health authorities and the City of Prague Public Health Authority are ordered
 - a) to order a healthcare professional, with respect to whom the healthcare services provider reported the fact under point 2(b), into quarantine pursuant to the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health which stipulates the procedures and rules for ordering isolation and quarantine to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (hereinafter referred to as “isolation and quarantine measures”),
 - b) to order a healthcare professional, for whom the healthcare service provider reported the fact under point 2(c), into quarantine pursuant to the isolation and quarantine measures, whereas these quarantine measures allow the performance of work by a healthcare professional pursuant to point 4,
 - c) if the healthcare professional was ordered into quarantine pursuant to the isolation and quarantine measures and the healthcare services provided subsequently reported the fact pursuant to point 2(c) to the public health authority having territorial competence, to change the quarantine measures so as to allow the performance of the healthcare professional’s work pursuant to point 4.

4. All healthcare professionals, with respect to whom it has been decided pursuant to point 2(c) that the performance of their work is essential to ensure the provision of healthcare services, are ordered to observe these following rules:
 - The healthcare professional shall work with an FFP2-class respirator without an exhale valve for min. 10 days from their last contact with a RT-PCR positive person,
 - The healthcare professional shall use a single respirator for a maximum of 4 hours,
 - For resting and eating at the healthcare facility, the healthcare professional shall use a room in which no other persons are present,
 - The healthcare professional shall work in such a work mode as to minimise his exposure to other workers and patients to whom he is not providing medical services,
 - The healthcare professional shall limit his movement about the healthcare facility to the maximum degree practicable.
 - The healthcare professional shall regularly monitor their state of health with a focus on possible clinical symptoms of COVID-19. Should clinical symptoms of the COVID-19 disease appear, they shall stop working without undue delay and report this fact to their employer,

 - the healthcare professional shall undergo a swab from their nasopharynx for the purpose of RT-PCR testing for SARS-CoV-2, with the first test being performed within 4-5 days from the High-risk Contact and the second test being conducted 10 days from the High-risk Contact,
 - if the results of both RT-PCR tests are negative, the tested healthcare professional may perform work without the aforementioned restrictions and the quarantine measures shall be terminated,
 - if the test result is positive, the procedure pursuant to the isolation and quarantine measures shall apply; the attending general practitioner or general pediatrician may only provide healthcare services in a remote manner during the period of isolation, while observing the conditions of isolation.

5. All healthcare service providers are ordered to ensure conditions for healthcare professionals who were subject to high-risk contact and are considered essential to ensuring the provision of healthcare services by the provider, so that these healthcare professionals observe the rules under point 4.
6. In the case of healthcare professionals who are not in an employment relationship with the healthcare service provider, e.g., who themselves are healthcare service providers, the above rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

II.

This extraordinary measure takes effect at 12:00 a.m. on 2 September 2020.

Signed electronically

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