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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 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 from the further spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

1. Within 7 days from the effective date of this measure, and subsequently at intervals of at least once every 7 days, all social service providers providing long-term inpatient care and all social service providers at homes for persons with medical impairments, seniors’ homes, homes with special regimes, social service providers at weekly residences and social service providers providing residential respite care, are ordered to conduct preventive tests to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen using rapid antigen screening tests (RAT), performed by an employee who is a healthcare professional, or by a healthcare service provider with which it has concluded an agreement on the provision of healthcare services, among all the patients to whom the facility provides long-term inpatient care, or users of social services.
2. The test is not performed among persons who
 - a) have taken an RT-PCR test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus with a negative result no more than 72 hours before the time of regular preventive testing pursuant to point 1, or
 - b) have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and submit a national certificate of completed vaccination or a certificate of completed vaccination issued pursuant to the European Union regulation on the EU COVID digital certificate EU COVID¹, under the condition that at least 14 days have passed since the completion of the vaccination program; a national certificate of completed

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and recognition of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery in relation to COVID-19 (EU COVID digital certificate) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regulation (EU) 2021/954 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and recognition of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery in relation to COVID-19 (EU COVID digital certificate) in relation to the nationals of third countries with permits to stay or reside in EU member states during the COVID-19 pandemic.

vaccination refers to a written confirmation issued at least in the English language by the authorized entity operating in the third country, a specimen of which is published in the list of recognized national certificates on the website of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic; the written confirmation must contain data about the vaccinated person, administered type of vaccine, date of administration of the vaccine and identification of the entity that issued the confirmation of that vaccination, whereas these data must be verifiable via remote access directly from the written confirmation, assuming vaccination was performed using a

- i) medicinal product containing a COVID-19 vaccine granted market authorisation under Regulation (EC) No. 726/2004, or
 - ii) medicinal product manufactured in accordance with a patent for the medicinal product pursuant to point i), if this medicinal product has been approved by the World Health Organization for emergency use; or
- c) have undergone a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19, where the period of isolation in accordance with a valid extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health has ended, and no more than 180 days have passed since the first positive RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 or rapid antigen test (RAT) for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 antigen, or
- d) are in terminal stages of an illness.

II.

All patients or users of social services of the providers specified in point I.1, who are not persons under point I.2, are ordered to undergo the tests pursuant to point I.1.

III.

All providers specified in point I are ordered to proceed as follows. If the result of the preventive rapid antigen test (RAT) performed pursuant to point I is

- a) positive for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen and the person has clinical symptoms of COVID-19, the person is considered to be suffering from COVID 19, and the provider shall isolate this person,
- b) positive for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen and the person does not have clinical symptoms of COVID-19, the provider shall isolate the person until determining the result of the confirmation test to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus using the RT-PCR method.

IV.

This Extraordinary Measure takes effect on 1 September 2021.

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Minister of Health