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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 on the amendment of certain related acts, as amended, and Section 2(1) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., on Extraordinary Measures during the COVID-19 Disease Epidemic and on the amendment of certain related acts, **orders** this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., and pursuant to Section 2(2)(b) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., in order to protect the population against the further spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel 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 healthcare service providers providing long-term inpatient care and all social service providers at homes for persons with medical impairments, seniors' homes and homes with special regimes, social service providers providing residential respite care, and social service providers at weekly residences or protected residences, are ordered to conduct preventive tests to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen using rapid antigen 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, or by another healthcare service provider with which it concludes an agreement on the provision of healthcare services for the purpose of performing rapid antigen tests (RAT), among all of their employees who come into direct contact with patients or users of social services; employees for the purposes of this measure also refer to persons who perform activities in favor of the provider based on a relationship other than a concluded employment relationship, including volunteers. Among employees who are not present on the workplace at the time of performing regular testing, the test will be carried out on the day when they return to work, before commencing activity.
2. Testing pursuant to point 1 will not be performed among employees 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 certificate¹, under the condition that at least 14 days have passed since completion of the vaccination program; a national certificate of completed 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, 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

- i) a medicinal product containing a COVID-19 vaccine granted market authorisation under Regulation (EC) No. 726/2004, or
 - ii) a 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.

II.

All the employees specified in point I.1, unless they are employees as specified in point I.2, are ordered to undergo testing pursuant to point I.1, and 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 employee has clinical symptoms of COVID-19, they are considered to be a person with ongoing COVID 19, and must immediately interrupt their work performance, report this fact to the employer, leave the workplace and contact a healthcare service provider in general medicine to determine the further procedure,
- b) positive for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen and the employee does not have clinical symptoms of COVID-19, then until determining the result of a confirmation test to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus using the RT-PCR method, they must immediately interrupt their work performance, report this fact to the employer, leave the workplace

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.

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III.

This Extraordinary Measure takes effect on 1 September 2021.

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