

Annex
to Government resolution
of 19 March, No. 261

In Prague, on 18 March, 2020
Ref.No.: MZDR 12344/2020-1/MIN/KANN

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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health as the administrative body competent pursuant to Section 80 par. 1 letter g) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., Public Health Protection Act, amending certain related acts, as amended (the "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), adopts within procedure pursuant to Section 69 par. 1 letter i) and par. 2 of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in order to protect the population and to prevent danger of outbreak and spread of the disease COVID-19 caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, this extraordinary measure:

I.

With effect from March 18, 2020, all inpatient healthcare providers are prohibited from allowing any patient visits in the healthcare facilities in which the inpatient care is provided, with the exception of:

- **underage patients;**
- **patients with limited legal capacity,**
- **hospice patients and other patients at the terminal stage of an incurable disease.**

II.

With effect from March 18, 2020, all facilities of social services (pursuant to Section 34 of the Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on social services) in the stay-form and all relief social services in the stay-form are prohibited from allowing any patient visits, with the exception of:

- **underage users of social services,**
- **users of social services with limited legal capacity,**
- **users of social services at the terminal stage of an incurable disease.**

III.

Upon issuing this extraordinary measure, the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health from March 9, 2020 (Ref. No.: 10519/2020-1/MIN/KAN) is repealed.

IV.

This extraordinary measure shall come into effect upon it being issued.

Rationale:

The extraordinary measure is adopted in relation to the adverse development of the epidemiologic situation regarding the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV2 in Europe.

Due to the current spread of the disease COVID-19 on the territory of the Czech Republic, as well as the territory of most countries of the European Union and generally of over 100 countries around the world, it is crucial to limit the spread of the disease COVID-19.

This is one of the important prerequisites necessary to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the territory of the Czech Republic in relation to vulnerable groups of persons.

This extraordinary measure impacts, as opposed to the extraordinary measure from March 9, 2020 (Ref. No.: 10519/2020-1/MIN/KAN), among other things, to the presence of fathers at childbirth, which is hereby prohibited.

Immediate implementation of this measure is necessary, in view of the daily growth of the number of infected persons in the Czech Republic, and therefore the date of entry into force of this extraordinary measure is the day of its issue.