

Annex  
to the Resolution of the Government  
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## **EMERGENCY MEASURE**

The Ministry of Health as the administrative body relevant under Section 80 (1) letter g) of the Act No. 258/2000, on protection of the public health and on amendment of other relevant acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), **orders** under Section 69 (1) letter i) and (2) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., to protect the population and to prevent the danger of occurrence and spreading of the COVID-19 illness caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, hereby issues its measure:

### **I.**

- 1. Any and all persons pursuing a medical profession according to the act No. 95/2004 Coll., on the conditions of obtaining and recognizing of professional competence and specialized competence to pursue a profession of a medical doctor, dentist and pharmacist, as amended, and according to the act No. 96/2004 Coll., on the conditions of obtaining and recognizing of professional competence to pursue nonmedical healthcare professions and pursue activities related to the healthcare services provision and on amending of several related acts (non-medical healthcare professions act), as amended, (hereinafter as the „medical worker“) are ordered to immediately inform their employer - health services provider, if they find that they have been in direct contact with the person for whom the COVID-19 disease was confirmed, without adequate personal protective equipment (hereinafter as the „risk contact“).**
  
- 2. Any and all health service providers are ordered to obey the following rules:**
  - where a health service provider finds that a medical worker who provides health services have been in a risk contact, the health service provider shall decide whether the performance of the work by such medical worker is necessary to ensure the provision of health services by such provider.**
  - where the performance of the work by a medical worker is not necessary to ensure the provision of health services by such provider, the health service provider shall inform the local competent public health authority which shall order the medical worker to quarantine.**
  - Where the performance of the work by a medical worker is necessary to ensure the provision of health services by such provider, the health service provider and the medical worker shall proceed as specified in point 3. The health service provider shall notify such fact to the local competent public health authority.**

3. Any and all medical workers without clinical symptoms, who have been in risk contact, are ordered to obey the following rules:
  - The medical worker shall operate with a class FFP3 respirator without a relief valve for 14 days.
  - The medical worker shall use one respirator for a maximum period of 8 hours.
  - The medical worker shall use a room without the presence of another person to rest and eat in the health facility.
  - The medical worker shall work in such a labour mode in order to minimise contact with other workers and patients who are not provided with medical services.
  - The medical worker shall limit the movement within the medical facility to the minimum necessary.
  - The medical worker shall measure the body temperature immediately before starting work and communicate the result of the measurement and his/her current state of health and, if necessary, any health problems with the staff manager.
  - The medical worker shall undergo in 5 days from the risk contact a nosohltane swab with a RT-PCR examination on SARS-CoV-2 and at the same time rapid capillary blood test for presence of IgM and IgG antibodies.
  - In the event of a negative result of both tests, the medical worker shall continue to work and, in 14 days from the risk contact, undergo a second nosohltane swab with a RT-PCR examination on SARS-CoV-2 and at the same time rapid capillary blood test for presence of IgM and IgG antibodies.
  - In the event of a negative result of both tests, the medical worker continues to carry out work in the normal labour mode.
4. Any and all health service providers are ordered to ensure the conditions for medical workers who have been in a risk contact in such a way that such medical workers can comply with the above-mentioned rules.
5. If, within 14 days from the risk contact, any known clinical symptoms of COVID-19 disease are found out by the medical worker or any of the tests carried out have a positive result, the health service provider shall inform the local competent public health authority that orders the medical worker to quarantine.
6. In the case of medical workers who are not in the employment relationship with the health service provider, e.g. provided that they are themselves providers of health services, the above-mentioned rules shall apply mutatis mutandis.

## II.

**This emergency measure is effective as of March 21, 2020.**

### **Reasoning:**

The emergency measure is issued in connection to unfavorable development of the epidemiologic situation in occurrence of the COVID-19 illness, caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic.

This emergency measure provides for the organisation of quarantine of medical workers who have been in contact with the confirmed COVID-19 case. The aim of the measure is to maintain the provision of the necessary health services in an exceptional epidemiological situation and to minimise the effects of the absence of a greater number of medical workers due to quarantine.

It is not possible to rule out cases where a medical worker enters into direct contact with a person who has been confirmed with a COVID-19 disease without adequate personal protective equipment. The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends the medical workers who are in direct contact with infected patients to use the following protective equipment: a protective cloak, gloves, medical masks and eye protection. The WHO recommends using respirators (N95, FFP2 or equivalent standard) only in the case of medical or similar worker who might come into contact with contaminated aerosols (e.g. medical examinations or treatments such as tracheal intubation, tracheostomy, bronchoscopy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, etc.).

The immediate implementation of this measure is necessary in view of the daily growing number of infections in the territory of the Czech Republic, and therefore this emergency measure becomes effective as of March 21, 2020.

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