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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health as an administrative authority 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 COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, this extraordinary measure:

I.

All providers of acute inpatient care are ordered to:

- 1. allocate beds for the purpose of providing acute inpatient care for patients with COVID-19 disease, preferably beds with artificial lung ventilation and beds with the option of oxygen therapy, in proportion to the current need caused by epidemiological situation,**
- 2. ensure staffing, even by transferring employees from other workplaces including their material and technical equipment in order to ensure care for patients infected with COVID-19 disease in the beds allocated pursuant to paragraph 1.,**
- 3. stipulate sanitary-epidemiologic measures in order to prevent the spread of the infectious COVID-19 disease inside the medical facility; these measures shall be updated following the current state of the epidemiologic situation.**

II.

This extraordinary measure enters into force at the moment of its issue.

Rationale:

The extraordinary measure is adopted in relation with the adverse development of the epidemiologic situation regarding the disease COVID-19 caused by the new virus SARS-CoV2 in the Czech Republic.

Allocating beds, ensuring staffing and material and technical equipment necessary for the acute inpatient care in advance is a crucial prerequisite for readiness for the ongoing epidemic and expected need for inpatient care.

Stipulating adequate sanitary-epidemiologic measures and their updating following the current epidemiologic situation is necessary for protection of patients and staff of the medical facilities and to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.