

## **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 the amendment 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 and prevent the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

### **I.**

Effective from 9 November 2021, and at intervals of at least once every 5 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, 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 POC antigen screening tests, 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. The test is not performed:

- a) for persons who have undergone a laboratory-confirmed instance of COVID-19, where the period of isolation in accordance with the valid Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health has ended, that are not showing any COVID-19 symptoms, and no more than 90 days have passed since the first positive RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 or POC antigen test for the presence of a SARS-CoV-2 antigen; these facts are proven by a medical report,
- b) for persons that have a certificate of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic on vaccination against COVID-19, and at least 14 days have passed since the application of the second dose of a vaccine in the case of a two-dose scheme in accordance with the summary of product characteristics (hereinafter “SPC”) or at least 14 days have passed since the application of the first dose of a vaccine in the case of a single-dose scheme in accordance with the SPC, and the vaccinated person is not showing any COVID-19 symptoms,
- c) persons who have taken a RT-PCR test with a negative result in the past 5 days before a regular examination,
- d) persons under 18 years of age,
- e) persons in terminal stages of illness.

### **II.**

All patients or users of social services of the providers specified in point I are ordered, effective from 9 March 2021, to undergo the examinations pursuant to point I.

### **III.**

All providers specified in point I are ordered, effective from 9 March 2021, to proceed as follows. If the result of the preventive POC antigen test 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 proceed pursuant to point IV and 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 proceed pursuant to point V and 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,
  - c) negative for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen and the person has clinical symptoms of COVID-19, the provider shall proceed pursuant to point V and 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.**

Effective from 9 March 2021, all the providers listed in point I are ordered to report immediately to the locally competent public health protection authority the fact that their patient or social service user with clinical symptoms of COVID-19 has tested positive in the POC antigen test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen, and the locally competent public health protection authority is ordered to impose isolation on this person; the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health regarding the imposition of isolation in the case of a positive RT-PCR test result for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 shall apply as appropriate to the imposition and termination of isolation.

#### **V.**

Effective from 9 November 2021, all the providers listed in point I are ordered to report immediately to the locally competent public health protection authority the fact that its patient or social service user without clinical symptoms of COVID-19 has tested positive in the POC antigen test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen, or was negatively tested for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen using this test, but has clinical symptoms of COVID-19, and the locally competent public health protection authority is ordered to impose the taking of a confirmation test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus using the RT-PCR method on this patient or social service user. If the result of the RT-PCR test is positive, the locally competent public health protection authority is ordered to impose isolation on this person pursuant to the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health regulating the imposition of isolation in the case of a positive RT-PCR test result for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

#### **VI.**

Effective from 9 March 2021, all healthcare and social service providers who perform preventive examinations to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen using POC antigen tests pursuant to point I are ordered to report, electronically and without undue delay, information about every result of POC antigen tests to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen performed among patients or social service users pursuant to point I into the Information System of Infectious Diseases (ISIN).

#### **VII.**

Effective from 9 March 2021, the Extraordinary Measure of 20 November 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 47828/2020-6/MIN/KAN is repealed.

#### **VIII.**

This Extraordinary Measure takes effect on the date it is issued.