

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)(m) 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.

Effective from 9 November 2021, and at intervals of at least once every 5 days, all healthcare service providers providing long-term inpatient care or home 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, social services providers at weekly residences or protected residences and social services providers providing personal assistance and nursing service providers, 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, or by another healthcare service provider with which it concludes an agreement on the provision of healthcare services for the purpose of performing antigen tests, 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. The test is not performed:

- a) for persons that have undergone a laboratory-confirmed instance of COVID-19 where the period of isolation in accordance with a valid extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health has ended, that are not showing any COVID-19 symptoms, and after 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 no more than 90 days have passed. Such facts will be proved with 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 who have taken a preventive test to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen on the employer's workplace in the past 5 days, using a test provided by the employer which can be used by a lay person, and the result of which is negative.

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.

II.

Effective from 9 March 2021, the healthcare service providers with which the provider under point I has concluded one of the specified agreements on the provision of healthcare services are ordered to perform, at the request of such a provider, preventive tests to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen using POC antigen screening tests among its employees pursuant to point I.

III.

Effective from 9 March 2021, all the employees specified in point I are ordered to undergo an examination pursuant to point I, and 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 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 and contact a healthcare service provider in general medicine to determine the further procedure,
- c) negative for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen and the employee has 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 and contact a healthcare service provider in general medicine to determine the further procedure.

IV.

Effective from 9 March 2021, all healthcare service providers in the field of general medicine are ordered to impose:

- a) isolation on a tested person who tested positive in a POC antigen test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, who also has clinical symptoms of the COVID-19 disease; the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health concerning the ordering of isolation in the case of a positive RT-PCR test result for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus shall apply as appropriate for ordering and terminating isolation;
- b) on a tested person who does not have clinical symptoms of the COVID-19 disease, but who tested positive in a POC antigen test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen, or tested negative for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen based on such a test but has clinical symptoms of COVID-19, to take a confirmation test to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus using the RT-PCR method; if the result of the RT-PCR test is positive, to impose isolation via the procedure pursuant to the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health concerning the ordering of isolation in the case of a positive RT-PCR test result for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

V.

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 the POC antigen tests to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen performed among the employees specified in point I into the Information System of Infectious Diseases (ISIN).

VI.

Effective from 9 March 2021, the providers specified in point I are ordered to ensure that the employees specified in point I use protective respiratory equipment allocated by the employer, minimally a FFP2 or KN95 class respirator with an exhalation valve, whenever coming into contact with patients or users of social services.

VII.

Effective from 9 March 2021, the Extraordinary Measure of 20 November 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 47828/2020-7/MIN/KAN, the Extraordinary Measure of 20 November 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 47828-8/MIN/KAN and the Extraordinary Measure of 14 February 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 47828/2020- 13/MIN/KAN, are repealed.

VIII.

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