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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 of certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), orders, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on protecting the population and on preventing the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, this extraordinary measure:

I.

All providers of acute inpatient care are ordered:

- 1. in order to prevent the spreading of COVID-19 disease infection within the healthcare facility, to reserve an area at the entrance to the healthcare facility or at another suitable location for the sorting of all patients entering the healthcare facility, including patients being handed over by the paramedic services,**
- 2. to create a method to set the rules for sorting patients in terms of further provision of healthcare services, which will be focused on identifying patients suspected of having COVID-19 disease or confirmed to have COVID-19 disease, and the rules for providing healthcare services to these patients,**
- 3. to ensure the sorting of all patients entering healthcare facilities in accordance with the method pursuant to point 2,**
- 4. to reserve areas at the healthcare facility which will be designated for providing healthcare services to patients suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 disease,**
- 5. to establish the dispatching of personal protective equipment for the purpose of keeping central records of their stocks, planning of needs and their allocation.**

II.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the day of its issue.

Rationale:

This extraordinary measure has been issued in connection with the adverse development of the epidemiological situation in terms of the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic.

The reservation of areas in order to provide acute inpatient care to patients suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 disease, their identification when entering the healthcare services provider's healthcare facility and observing the required hygienic-epidemiological measures is a fundamental requirement to ensure the provision of healthcare services during the ongoing epidemic and expected heightened need for inpatient care.

Furthermore, in order to ensure the supply of personal protective equipment, it is necessary to define an adequate system of keeping records of requests and distribution of personal protective equipment within the healthcare services provider's facility.

Stipulating adequate hygienic-epidemiological measures and their ongoing updating based on the development of the current epidemiological situation is an important prerequisite for protecting patients and staff of healthcare services providers to prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease, caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

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Minister for Health

Signed electronically