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## Notice on notification of covid-19

Pursuant to § 6, subsection 1 and 2 and § 51 of the Epidemics Act, Act No. 285 of 27 February 2021, stipulates:

Notification to the Statens Serum Institut of test results for SARS-CoV-2 (new coronavirus) and relevant information about test results

- § 1. Public and private treatment facilities, regional councils, municipal councils as well as public and private schools and educational institutions, which manage or carry out tests on people for infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), must ensure that the result of the test and supplementary information regarding the test result are reported to the Statens Serum Institut, cf. subsection 3.
- PCS. 2. A treatment center means an independent business where or from which one or more healthcare professionals carry out treatment, including tests for SARS-CoV-2.
  - PCS. 3. The report must contain the following information:
- 1) Personal identification of the person tested, including CPR number or eCPR number and telephone number.
- 2) Place of processing or other place of performance.
- 3) The person who carried out the analysis (e.g. laboratory, test or treatment site).
- 4) The test (including test method, test time and test location).
- 5) The result of the test (e.g. negative, positive or inconclusive).
- 6) The tested person's answers, if the person concerned has consented, to key questions for infection detection and infection monitoring, as specified in the Statens Serum Institut's instructions.

PCS. 4. Results of both antigen tests and PCR tests (Polymerase Chain Reaction) and other equivalent nucleic acid-based tests that detect SARS-CoV-2 or its subtypes, as well as antibody tests that detect antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 specific antigens, must be reported. The reporting of results on the basis of those in subsection 1 mentioned test, takes place by reporting the test result to a system specified by the Statens Serum

Institut.

PCS. 5. Public treatment facilities must, upon detection of SARS-CoV-2 by PCR test, either carry out resequencing themselves or send sample material to the Statens Serum Institut according to the standards laid down by the Statens Serum Institut, so that the institute can carry out resequencing. Sample material or gene sequence must be forwarded to the Statens Serum Institut according to current guidelines, continuously and without delay.

- § 2. Notification pursuant to § 1 must be made in all cases where the sample is taken in connection with treatment, including examination, diagnosis, disease treatment, maternity assistance, rehabilitation, health professional care as well as prevention and health promotion, cf. § 5 of the Health Act, as well as in connection with epidemiological surveillance and research.
- § 3. Doctors who treat patients with laboratory-confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (covid-19) are obliged, upon request from the Statens Serum Institut, when deemed necessary for the purposes of monitoring and to prevent the spread and infection in connection with handling covid--19, to obtain and provide information about:
- 1) the patient's travel activities, including country of travel, prior to diagnosis,
- 2) the person tested has been in contact with an infected person and
- 3) the test is part of the screening of a staff group or workplace.

## Notification to the Agency for Patient Safety of positive test results for SARS-CoV-2

- § 4. Public and private treatment facilities, regional councils, municipal councils as well as public and private schools and educational institutions, which administer or carry out tests on persons for infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), must, upon specific or general request from The Swedish Agency for Patient Safety immediately and without undue delay report positive sample results of antigen tests and PCR tests for SARS-CoV-2 to the Swedish Agency for Patient Safety.
- PCS. 2. Positive sample results of antigen tests and PCR tests, as well as other equivalent nucleic acid-based tests that detect SARS-CoV-2 or its subtypes, must be reported directly to the Norwegian Patient Safety Agency in the event of technical failures in connection with reporting to the Statens Serum Institut.
- PCS. 3. The Agency for Patient Safety may only to the relevant extent request information that is covered by subsection 1, and only when it is necessary to carry out the agency's tasks regarding infection detection of covid-19, including in cases where notification for technical reasons cannot be made to the Statens Serum Institut.
  - § 5. The duty to report pursuant to § 1 and § 4 does not include:
- 1) Private individuals who, on their own initiative, test themselves, relatives or others for infection with SARS-CoV-2.
- 2) Private and public companies, associations, cultural institutions, practitioners of liberal professions as well as other actors who offer, oversee or carry out tests with CE marking for self-testing for infection with SARS-CoV-2 without the supervision of an authorized health person or of a, who work under the responsibility of an authorized healthcare professional, with the exception of those in § 1, subsection 1 and § 4, subsection 1 actors mentioned.
  - PCS. 2. Notification according to § 1 and § 4 can only be made by actors as mentioned in § 1, subsection 1 and § 4, subsection 1.

## Request for confirmatory PCR test in the event of a positive antigen self-test

§ 6. Public and private treatment facilities, authorized health professionals, public and private day care facilities, schools and other educational institutions that make material available for people to perform antigen tests on themselves for infection with SARS-CoV-2 must ensure that the tested person with a positive test result is encouraged to be tested with a PCR test as soon as possible in order to confirm the test result.

## Entry into force etc

- § 7. The executive order comes into force on 19 December 2021.
- PCS. 2. Executive Order No. 1594 of 9 July 2021 on notification of COVID-19 is repealed.

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