

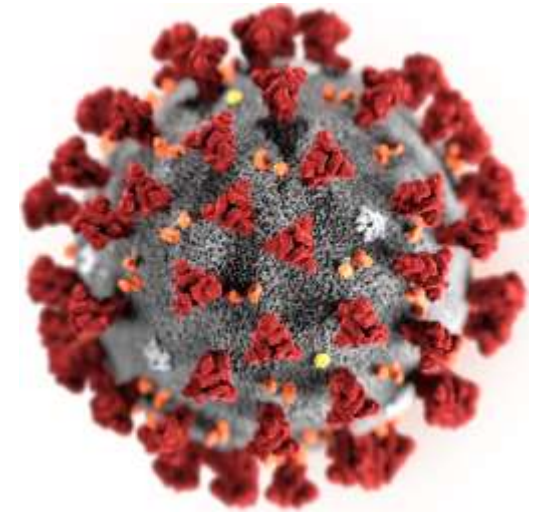
A misty, teal-toned landscape featuring mountains and a lake. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with the mountains and trees reflected in the calm water. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of teal and light blue, creating a serene and somewhat ethereal mood.

# COVID-19

CZECH REPUBLIC

# STATE OF PLAY, morning 25. 3. 2020

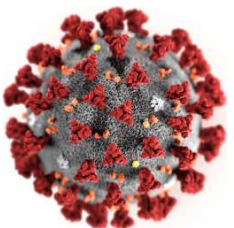
- **Infected: 1.497**
- **Died: 3**
- **Cured: 10**
- **Tested: 22.600**



# Regulations, very strict - as the first in EU

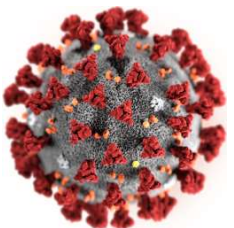
- 3. March - restriction of export respirators and disinfection**
- 6. March – quarantine for people coming home from Italy**
- 9. March – prohibition of visits in hospitals and nursing homes**
- 10. March – all schools are closed, all public events above 100 people are banned**
- 12. March – emergency state, borders are closed, events up to 30 people are banned**
- 14. March – all shops, restaurants, hotels are closed**
- 16. March – quarantine for everyone, just to go to work and come back (food, drugs)**
- 17. March – outside the house everybody must wear a mask**

This should stay till 1.4. 2020, schools at least till 31. 5. 2020, closed borders up to one year



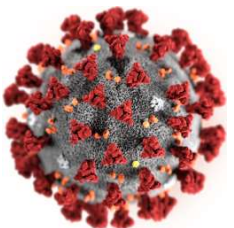
# **SOCIAL SECTOR – regulations**

- **Nursing homes are closed, clients are not allowed to leave**
- **Daily care centers are closed (their employees should help other providers)**
- **Students for social workers are called to work in social services**
- **Providers are free to reduce their activities and provide just basic social care**
- **Providers are free to provide their services to everybody immediately**
- **Nurses are not allowed to go on holiday**
- **Schools must take care of 3-10 years old kids of workers in social care if necessary**



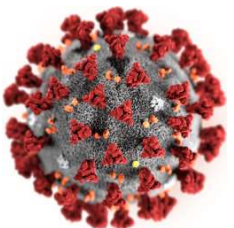
# **SOCIAL SECTOR – actual problems**

- **Lack off masks, respirators, disinfection, etc.**
  - A lot of medical supply was brought from China last weekend
- **Lack of staff**
  - With children up to 13 years you can stay at home on unlimited paid leave, this leads to a lot of staff missing
- **The risk of quarantine for the provider/whole institution**



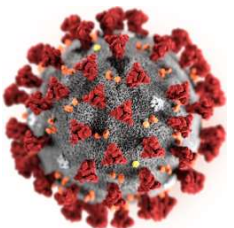
# **Association of social services providers helps:**

- **5.3. Guidelines COVID-19 in Social sector, 20 pages**
  - Prevention provision
  - quarantine measures
  - Checklists
  - Divided for residential/ambulant social services
  - Updated every week
- **Every day information, answers to all the questions within 60 min.**
- **Coronavirus hotline, 3 people answering all the questions**
- **Feedback to the ministries and media on daily basis**
- **Public collection and distribution of medical supplies**



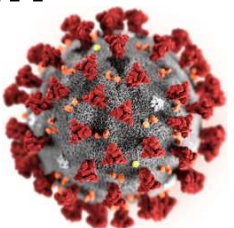
# **Recommendations for social services providers:**

- **Check the health state of your clients on a regular basis**
- **If possible provide your staff all the protection necessary (masks, gloves, glasses, disinfection)**
- **Organize the work of your staff so that they meet with each other at a minimum level**
- **Organize little teams that do not meet with each other**
- **Prepare your crisis plan if your facility or service (or a large number of staff) is under quarantine (facility or region)**
- **Make a list of staff willing to stay at the facility for 14 days**
- **Make use of students, volunteers**



# **Recommendations for social services providers:**

- **Prepare plan how to reduce the care to minimum if necessary**
- **Communicate with the clients, explain, they may be afraid, with disinformation, with limited contact with family**
- **Ensure babysitting for small kids of your employees if necessary and safe**
- **Be prepared to provide basic services to other clients (home care)**
- **Prepare a crisis plan for city/regions quarantine in relation of home care**
- **If possible create the “contactless” zones so that staff will not meet (e.g. kitchen x care staff)**
- **Think of every single measure to reduce the risk of infection (in every process in your organization)**





# **Recommendations of Social Partners** **Social Employers and EPSU:**

- Ensure the continuity of care and support services
- Guarantee remuneration and income support to all the care workers in the sector
- Equip care workers with adequate protection material
- Ensure residential care services have safety protocols in place
- Facilitate social services' access to EU and national funds for immediate financial support for wages and other costs, including funding of innovative responses to the crisis
- Secure, through national laws or collective agreements, the right to paid sick days, flexibility and other accommodations
- Provide support to ensure childcare is available for children of social services staff
- make exceptions for care workers to cross the national borders that have been closed