

## Czech Republic

### 2 April – information from OSZSP

There are problems in social services facilities with both users – many residents – and employees infected by C-19. There is poor provision of protective equipment and the army and fire services are helping. Patients are taken to hospital but into unsuitable places with inadequate staffing. In some facilities clients and employees remain in the facility to prevent the spread of the infection. From March 30 new elderly residents are compulsory tested.

In connection with the increased risk of transmission of infection between clients and employees of retirement homes and inpatient facilities of social service providers, the Ministry of Health issued extraordinary regime and organizational measures to ensure maximum protection of the most vulnerable population.

[https://www.mzcr.cz/dokumenty/ministerstvo-zdravotnictvi-vydava-rezimova-a-organizacni-opatreni-pro-ochranu-se\\_18854\\_1.html](https://www.mzcr.cz/dokumenty/ministerstvo-zdravotnictvi-vydava-rezimova-a-organizacni-opatreni-pro-ochranu-se_18854_1.html)

Support is sought from volunteers who sew the drapes for residents and employees in social services or they start working in the facility. As in other cases, the impact of inadequate funding is also reflected in public services.

The number of tested people is increasing and approximately every seventh person infected is elderly.

Social service facilities have called on national and regional government to supply more protective equipment, which are partially secured. The situation is complicated.

<https://www.mpsv.cz/web/cz/socialni-sluzby-info>

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