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### **FLASH REPORT**

<b>Country:</b>	Czech Republic
<b>Title:</b>	COVID-19 measures – gender dimension
<b>Date:</b>	25 May 2020
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<b><u>Context</u></b>	
<b>Issue at stake:</b>	Caring benefits more generous during COVID-19 quarantine
<b>Grounds of discrimination:</b>	Gender
<b>Field of application:</b>	Social protection, employment
<b>Source:</b>	National legislation, policy development
<b>Applicable law:</b>	Act No. 187/2006 Coll., on sickness insurance, Act No. 133/2020 Coll., on certain social security adjustments in the context of the 2020 emergency outbreak

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**Key points of analysis:** The Government of the Czech Republic reacted to the COVID-19 pandemic by adopting several measures. As of 11 March, all schools have been closed and it's not sure, when they will be re-opened again. A few days later, also all the child care facilities were closed. This means, that parents of small children have to stay at home to care for them. The lost income of a parent, who needs to stay at home to care for their children due to the closure of schools and childcare facilities due to the quarantine, shall be compensated with a sickness insurance benefit – caring benefit. This benefit is paid for 9 (in case of a single parent 16) days and the amount is 60 % of daily salary. As quarantine will last for a much longer period, the Act No. 133/2020 Coll. was adopted. According to this act, the supportive period has been prolonged, until the schools will be re-opened. It has been proposed (by the opposition) to increase the amount and to provide this benefit not only to employees, but also to self-employed persons, who are not entitled to this benefit under normal circumstances.

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