



Press release

PUBLIC DEFENDER OF RIGHTS DOES NOT REQUEST THE CANCEL OF STATE QUARANTINE CENTERS, BUT REVIEW OF THE SYSTEM

The Public Defender of Rights Mária Patakyová does not request the cancel of state quarantine centers, but review of the system. She feels it is particularly important that fundamental rights and freedoms are respected as far as possible during its exercise. She also suggests that the obligation of isolation in a state quarantine center should not be mandatory for any form of travel, whether individual or organized (in general) but only for persons suspected of being infected with COVID-19 and for persons who are not able to ensure the home isolation for them. The Public Defender of Rights also proposed to set up an effective control mechanism for compliance with the regulation of home isolation.

The Public Defender of Right respects the steps of the government, which seek to minimize the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the citizens of this country. The Public Defender of Rights is convinced that all adopted measures according to the Act on Civil Protection of the Population related to the COVID-19 disease, have to be temporary, minimally-invasive and regularly reviewed. Therefore she emphasizes the importance of respectation of the fundamental rights and freedoms as well as taking into account the principle of proportionality during adopting the measures.