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## **Declaration of the Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni**

In recent days, as part of the checks carried out by the Health and Hygiene Directorate of the Vatican City State in compliance with the directives on the coronavirus emergency, another positive was found at Covid-19: an officer of the Secretariat of State resident in Santa Marta who, presenting some symptoms, had subsequently been placed in self-isolation. At the moment his health condition is not particularly critical, but as a precautionary measure he was admitted to a Roman hospital to be placed under observation, in close contact with the authorities of the Health and Hygiene Directorate.

Following this positive result, measures were taken in accordance with the health protocols provided for, both in relation to the sanitation of the environment, the workplace and residence of the person concerned, and with regard to the reconstruction of the contacts made in the days prior to the result. The health authorities carried out tests on the people in closest contact with the positive case identified. The results confirmed the absence of other positive cases among those residing in Casa Santa Marta, and one further positive case among employees of the Holy See in close contact with the official.

As a precautionary measure, given this further finding, appropriate sanitation measures were taken and new tests were carried out, along with the previous ones totalling over 170, on the employees of the Holy See and the residents of the Domus. These latter tests all gave negative results.

There are therefore currently six employees of the Holy See and citizens of Vatican City State affected by Covid-19.

I can confirm that neither the Holy Father nor his closest collaborators are involved.

