

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **INTESA SANPAOLO: PROTECTION MEASURES AGAINST CORONAVIRUS**

Milan, 23 February 2020 – With regard to the protection measures against Coronavirus (COVID - 2019), Intesa Sanpaolo informs the public that it has ordered the closure of its branches in the Municipalities that are subject to the new government measures: Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano in the Province of Lodi; Vò Euganeo in the Province of Padua. The ATMs in these towns will all remain in operation. In all other Italian Municipalities, our branches are open as normal. Intesa Sanpaolo is also ready to implement measures, if so required, in other Municipalities, should the authorities indicate the need to do so.

Intesa Sanpaolo is one of the leading employers in Italy and we consider our staff as our major asset: their protection is a priority for us. Therefore, all employees resident in the Municipalities affected by the measures or those who work there will be eligible for paid leave or will be able to work from home. As regards all other employees, those who suffer from medically-certified immunodepression shall be allowed to remain absent from work, while those who show even slight symptoms of flu or respiratory difficulties should contact their family doctor to consider whether to stay off work. Permission to travel for work purposes will be provided only when strictly necessary and, where possible, videoconferences should preferably be used instead. Where envisaged, smart working will be encouraged.

The Bank has also provided its employees with information on hygiene and preventive treatment issued by WHO for those persons with no symptoms (washing hands, avoid close contact with people suffering from respiratory infections, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands, cover your mouth and nose with a handkerchief or your elbow when coughing or sneezing, avoid taking antivirals or antibiotics unless prescribed by a doctor). A special email box has also been created for staff questions. Answers will be given by experts including medical specialists from the Istituto Sacco in Milan and the Città della Salute in Turin.

Suppliers have been requested to follow the same precautions adopted by the Bank.

With a view to prevention, the Intesa Sanpaolo structure which deals with business continuity and brings together the top functions of the Group, has been at work for some time and is engaged in continual coordination activities with the Bank of Italy and ABI to align the measures according to the specific requirements of the financial sector.

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