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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority, pursuant to Section 80(1)(g) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Public Health Protection and on the amendment of certain related acts, as amended, and Section 2(1) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., on Extraordinary Measures during the COVID-19 Disease Epidemic and on the amendment of certain related acts, **orders** this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(b) and (i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., and pursuant to Section 2(2)(b) through (e) and (i) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., in order to protect the population against the further spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 10 May 2021 until the cancellation of this extraordinary measure:

1. the activity of catering establishments **is restricted** in that the public presence is prohibited at catering establishment facilities (e.g. restaurants, pubs and bars), with the exception of:
 - a) facilities which do not serve the public (e.g. employee dining facilities, dining facilities for healthcare service and social service providers, at prison facilities);
 - b) school catering facilities for employees present on the workplace and children, pupils and students participating in in-person schooling;
 - c) facilities at accommodation establishments under the condition that they provide meals only to accommodated persons, and only between 6:00 a.m. and 9:59 p.m.; does not affect the possibility of sales outside of the establishment providing catering services (e.g., fast food establishments with a service window or the sale of take-away food), whereas sales to customers at the location of the establishment (e.g., a service window) is prohibited between 10:00 p.m. and 5:59 a.m.,
2. concerts and other musical, theatre, film and other artistic performances, including circuses and variety shows with an audience present; these performances or rehearsals for them may only be held without an audience if performed by artists doing so within the framework of their employment or business, on the understanding that
 - a) protective respiratory equipment for performers can be taken off only in the place of performance of the production itself and only for the time of such a production;
 - b) if a scene includes singing, the number of performers on the stage or in rehearsal is limited in such a manner that the total number of performers cannot be higher than the number of square meters of total floor area of the stage or rehearsal area divided by four;

- c) in the case of musicians in all instrument groups, it is necessary to comply with distancing of at least 1.2 meters and every musician playing a string instrument should use a separate music stand, if allowed by the spatial conditions;
3. congresses, educational events and examinations with attendance in person are prohibited, with the exception of:
- a) the practical training and practice pursuant to Act No. 95/2004 Coll., on the Conditions for Obtaining and Recognizing Professional Qualifications and Specialized Qualifications for the Medical Profession of a Doctor, Dentist and Pharmacist, as amended, and pursuant to Act No. 96/2004 Coll., on Conditions for Obtaining and Recognizing Qualifications for the Pursuit of Non-Medical Healthcare Professions and for Activities Related to the Provision of Healthcare and on amendments to some related acts (the Act on Non-Medical Healthcare Professions), as amended,
 - b) professional education of members of the security services of the Czech Republic, municipal police officers, members of the Fire Brigade of the Czech Republic and members of fire protection units;
 - c) activities on the basis of Act No. 247/2000 Coll., on the Acquisition and Improvement of Professional Qualifications for Driving Motor Vehicles, and on amendments to certain acts, as amended, Act No. 114/1995 Coll., on Inland Navigation, as amended, Act No. 61/2000 Coll., on Marine Navigation, as amended, Act No. 266/1994 Coll., on Railways, as amended, and psychological driver examinations pursuant to Act No. 361/2000 Coll., on Road Traffic, and on amendments to certain acts.
 - d) activities leading towards the acquisition of special professional qualifications in accordance with Section 11 of Act No. 309/2006 Coll., Regulating Further Requirements for Occupational Health and Safety in Employment Relations and on Ensuring Health and Safety during the Performance of Activities or Provision of Services Outside of employment relations (the Act on Ensuring Further Conditions for Occupational Health and Safety), as amended, and activities leading towards overcoming conditions pursuant to Section 3 (10) (d) of Decree No. 87/2000 Coll., Determining Conditions for Fire Safety during Welding and the Heating of Resins in Melting Pots;
 - e) other educational events and examinations in professional qualifications and other examinations, the passing of which is a condition stipulated by legal regulations to perform certain activities, courses with an accredited program pursuant to Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on Social Services, as amended, accredited qualification courses pursuant to Act No. 96/2004 Coll., and requalification courses organized by the Labor Office of the Czech Republic or Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs pursuant to Act No. 435/2004 Coll., on Employment, as amended, directed towards acquiring professional qualifications by passing an examination pursuant to Act No. 179/2006 Coll., on the Verification and Recognition of the Results of Further Education, and the amendment of certain laws (the Act on the Recognition of the Results of Further Education), as amended, provided these are not educational events and examinations which are part of education pursuant to Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on Preschool, Primary, Secondary, College and other Education (the Schools Act), as amended, or Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Universities, and on the amendment and supplementation of other acts (the Act on Universities), as amended;
- the presence of more than 10 persons at any one time is prohibited, and if the examination is public pursuant to the law, no more than 3 public attendees are permitted;
4. The following is restricted:
- a) the operation of gambling halls and casinos, in that the public presence therein is prohibited,

- b) the operation and use of sports ground on the indoor premises of buildings (e.g. gyms, courts, arenas, rinks, bowling lanes or billiards tables, training equipment) and the indoor premises of outdoor sports grounds, dance studios, gyms and fitness centers, in that public presence therein is prohibited, except for:
 - i) physical activity at schools or school facilities and universities, where permitted by extraordinary measures,
 - ii) sports training by persons as a part of employment, the performance of business or other similar activities, as well as preparations for sports events held during competitions organized by sports associations and sports events which are not prohibited,
- c) the operation and use of artificial swimming areas (swimming pools, bathing pools, pools for babies and toddlers, paddling pools) and wellness facilities, including saunas and salt caves, in that the public presence therein is prohibited if this does not involve the provision of healthcare services by a healthcare service provider;
- d) the operation of zoos and botanical gardens, in that the public presence therein is prohibited, with the exception of outdoor premises, whereas maximally 20% of the capacity of the maximum number of visitors at one time can be used; the same restriction shall apply to visits to arbors and other gardens or parks for which access is regulated;
- e) the operation of museums, galleries, exhibition grounds, castles, chateaux and similar historical or cultural facilities, observatories and planetariums, in that group visits are forbidden, and the operator shall not allow the attendance of more than 1 visitor per 15 m² of indoor space accessible to the public, and visitors are obliged to maintain a distance of at least 2 meters with the exception of members of the same household,
- f) the holding of trade fairs and sales exhibitions, in that group visits are forbidden, and the operator shall not allow the attendance of more than 1 visitor per 15 m² of indoor space accessible to the public, and visitors are obliged to maintain a distance of at least 2 meters with the exception of members of the same household,
- g) the operation of facilities or provision of services to persons aged 6 to 18 focused on activities similar to informal education pursuant to Section 2 of Decree No. 74/2005 Coll., such as particularly informal, pedagogic, recreational or educational activities, including preparation for schooling, or the provision of similar services to children aged up to 6, including care for them, in that the public presence thereat is prohibited; this does not apply if it concerns the
 - i) provision of a service at the household of the service's user,
 - ii) the operation of facilities or provision of services on indoor or outdoor premises in the presence of at most 3 participants and 1 person providing the service,
 - iii) the operation of facilities or provision of services on outdoor premises with the presence of more persons than specified in point ii), but maximally with 30 persons in the group, whilst observing the condition that there are at least 15 m² of space per person, without the use of indoor premises (changing rooms, etc.); the entity operating the facility or organizing the provision of services keeps records of the participants for the purpose of a potential epidemiological investigation, in the scope of identification of the participants and persons providing the service (name, surname), their contact details (ideally telephone number) and information about the time of providing the service (from - to); they shall store these records of a period of 30 days from the date of providing the service; before commencing the provision of services, the participant, with the exception of children under 6 years of age, must:
 - 1) demonstrate that they meet all the conditions stipulated under point I/19, or
 - 2) present a confirmation from their employer demonstrating that they took an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the

- Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, with a negative result, or
- 3) present their own statutory declaration or a statutory declaration of their legal representative stating that they took an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, that the result was negative, or
 - 4) take an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, with a negative result, and
- the entity organizing the provision of services checks that the conditions have been met and a participant that do not meet the conditions as per points 1) through 4) or a participant with a positive test result as per point 4) shall not be allowed to participate,
5. the provision of short-term or recreational accommodation services is restricted, with the exception of the provision of accommodation services to:
 - a) only persons for whom this accommodation is essential to perform their employment, occupation, business or other similar activity, whereas:
 - i) each person provided with accommodation is obliged to prove this purpose before taking up accommodation by written confirmation from the employer or client,
 - ii) the operator is obliged to require proof of the purpose pursuant to point i) and keep this proof throughout the accommodated person's stay,
 - b) foreigners, if they do not have any other place of residence in the Czech Republic and are authorized to enter and remain in the Czech Republic, in accordance with other regulations,
 - c) persons who were ordered to isolate or quarantine;
 - d) persons for the purpose of completing the provisioning of accommodation commencing before this extraordinary measure came into effect; if they have no other place of residence in the Czech Republic,
 - e) persons who are accommodated for the purpose of being provided with medical services, and their required escort,
 - f) persons in need of housing, whose accommodation was arranged by the local government,
 6. retail sales and the sales and provision of services in shops is restricted, in that it is prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 5:59 a.m., whereas this prohibition does not apply to activities that are not trades in accordance with the Trades Licensing Act or to the operation:
 - a) of petrol stations selling fuels and lubricants;
 - b) pharmacies;
 - c) shops in places with a high concentration of passengers at airports, railway stations and bus stations;
 - d) shops at healthcare facilities;
 - e) outlets for catering services to an extent in accordance with point I/1;
 - f) vehicles operated by taxi services or other individual contractual passenger transportation,
 7. conditions are stipulated for sale at markets, marketplaces and mobile shops (sale from stands, mobile shops and sale from other mobile equipment), in that their operators must observe the following rules:
 - a) to ensure a distance of at least 2 meters between stands, tables or other points of sale,
 - b) there must be no more than 1 person per 15 m² of the area of the market or marketplace at any one time;
 - c) to place containers with disinfectant products at every point of sale;

- d) the operation of catering services and serving of meals, including beverages, intended for immediate consumption is prohibited,
 - e) tables and places to sit are prohibited;
8. conditions are stipulated for the operation of catering establishments, where the presence of the public in the establishment is not prohibited under point I/1, in that their operators must adhere to the following rules:
- a) customers are seated so that there is a distance of at least 1.5 meters between them, except for customers sitting at one table;
 - b) there may be a maximum of 4 customers seated at one table, except for members of the same household; if the table is long, more customers may be seated at it, so that there is a distance of at least 2 meters between groups of at most 4 customers, except for members of the same household,
 - c) the operator must not allow a greater number of customers into the indoor premises of the establishment than the number of seats available to customers in the indoor premises of the establishment; the operator is obliged to keep a written record of the current number of seats for customers;
 - d) prohibition of live music and dance productions;
 - e) the option of a wireless internet connection for the public will not be provided;
9. the operation of catering establishments is restricted in that in the case of sales from catering service establishments outside of its indoor space (i.e. a service hatch), persons that, in the space near the establishment, are consuming food and drink purchased there are obliged to comply with distancing of at least 2 meters from other persons, unless they are members of the same household;
10. the operation of musical, dance, acting and similar social clubs and discotheques is restricted, in that the public presence at these venues is prohibited;
11. conditions are stipulated for the operations of shopping centers with a sales area exceeding 5,000 m², in that:
- a) the use of rest areas (chairs, lounges, benches, etc.) will be restricted so that people do not gather in these places;
 - b) the option of a wireless internet connection for the public will not be provided;
 - c) the operator must ensure at least one person to supervise the observance of the following rules and encourage customers and other persons to observe them;
 - d) the following instructions for customers are communicated to customers and other persons primarily through information signs, posters, on displays, intercoms, etc.;
 - e) the operator will ensure the visible posting of instructions to maintain a distance of 2 meters between persons in the publicly accessible areas of the shopping Centre (e.g. by means of infographics, adverts on the center's radio, infographics at the entrance to stores and other facilities, infographics on the floors of public areas, etc.);
 - f) the gathering of persons will be restricted, particularly in areas where this can be expected, e.g. in the underground garages, areas in front of elevators, escalators, travellers, bathrooms, etc.;
 - g) the operation of children's corners is prohibited;
 - h) the operator will ensure maximum possible air circulation with the intake of outdoor air (ventilation or air-conditioning) without air recirculation in the building;
 - i) promotional activities where there is a person present to ensure their progress are prohibited in shops;
 - j) sales from catering service establishments located in a shopping Centre are only

possible through a service hatch or as takeaway;

12. conditions are stipulated for operation at retail shops selling goods and services and service facilities, with the exception of the activities set forth in point 4(g) and vehicles of taxi services or other individual contractual passenger transportation, and for library operation, in that the operator complies with the following rules:

- a) they will not allow the presence of more customers than 1 customer per 15 m² of sales area in an establishment; in the case of establishments with a sales area of less than 15 m², this restriction does not apply to a child under 15 years of age accompanying a customer or a person accompanying a customer who holds a medical disability pass; in the case of other establishments, this restriction does not apply to a child under 6 years of age accompanying a customer,
- b) they will actively prevent customers from coming closer than 2 meters to each other, unless these are members of the same household,
- c) management of queues of waiting customers must be ensured, both inside and outside the store, particularly by marking the waiting area and placing symbols indicating the minimum distance between customers (minimum distance of 2 m), whereas a customer who holds a medical disability pass has a priority right to shop;
- d) disinfectants must be placed near frequently touched objects (especially handles, railings, shopping carts), so that they are available to employees and customers of the establishment and can be used for regular disinfection;
- e) it must be ensured that customers are informed of the above-mentioned rules, primarily by means of information posters at the entrance and throughout the establishment, or by stating the rules through loudspeaker announcements in the establishment;
- f) ensuring the maximum possible air circulation with the intake of outdoor air (ventilation or air-conditioning) without air recirculation in the building,
- g) promotional activities where there is a person present to ensure their progress are prohibited in shops;
- h) in the case of a person pushing a pram with a child, the operator must not oblige them to use a shopping trolley to shop, and the child in the pram is not included in the total number of persons permitted to be in the sales area;

whereas the sales area refers to the part of the business premises designated for the sale and display of goods, i.e., the total area accessible to customers, including dressing rooms, the area taken up by tills and displays and the area behind the tills used by the sales staff; the sales area does not include offices, warehouses and preparation areas, workshops, stairs, changing rooms and other social facilities,

13. in addition to the conditions stipulated under point 12, these determine further conditions for the operation of barber shops, hairdressers, pedicure, manicure, solariums, beauty, massage and similar regenerative or conditioning services, specifically:

- a) persons providing the services shall only provide such a service to a single customer at a time,
- b) between the individual locations where services are provided to customers (e.g., chairs of barber shops and beauty salons), there shall be a gap of at least 2 meters,
- c) no activities are carried out which would disrupt skin integrity,
- d) when entering the establishment, the customer, except for children under 6 years of age must:
 - i) demonstrate that they meet all the conditions stipulated under point 1/19, or
 - ii) present a confirmation from their employer demonstrating that they took an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours,

- with a negative result, or
- iii) present their own statutory declaration or a statutory declaration of their legal representative stating that they took an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, that the result was negative, or
 - iv) take an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, with a negative result, or
- the operator checks that the conditions have been met and participants that have not met the conditions stipulated in i) to iv) above shall not be allowed entry into the premises, i.e, if the customer's test result as per section iv) is positive, the customer shall immediately leave the premises,
- e) the operator shall keep records of the participants for the purpose of a potential epidemiological investigation by public health protection authorities, in the scope of identification of the customer (name, surname), their contact details (ideally telephone number), information about the time of providing the service (from - to) and information about which employee provided the service to this customer; they shall store these records of a period of 30 days from the date of providing the service,
14. conditions are stipulated for the activity pursuant to Act No. 247/2000 Coll., on the Acquiring and Improvement of Professional Qualifications to Drive Motor Vehicles and on the amendment of certain laws, as amended, in that a driving school operator will ensure the fulfillment of anti-epidemic measures consisting of the disinfection of contact surfaces in the vehicle using disinfectant with a virucidal effect after every driving lesson,
15. the operation of providers of spa rehabilitation care is restricted, in that it is possible to provide spa treatment rehabilitation care only if:
- a) it is at least partially reimbursed from public health insurance, or
 - b) it is provided to a patient who is a citizen of the Czech Republic, a citizen of the European Union or holder of a valid visa or long-term, temporary or permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic, and:
 - i) they have taken an RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen with a negative result no more than 7 days ago, or
 - ii) they have undergone a laboratory-confirmed instance of COVID-19, where the period of isolation in accordance with a valid extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health has ended, and no more than 90 days have passed since the first positive RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 or POC antigen test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 antigen, or
 - iii) they have been issued a certificate by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic on vaccination against COVID-19, and at least 14 days have passed since the application of the second dose of a vaccine in the case of a two-dose scheme in accordance with the summary of product characteristics (hereinafter the "SPC") or at least 14 days have passed since the application of the first dose of a vaccine in the case of a single-dose scheme in accordance with the SPC,and these patients are accommodated in single rooms, except for household members,
16. society, dance, traditional and similar events and gatherings, festivals, fairs, exhibitions, tastings, and other public and private events are prohibited, during which more than 2 people are gathered in one place at any one time, unless stipulated otherwise by this extraordinary measure, and with the exception of:
- a) attendance at weddings, ceremonies of persons entering into registered partnership, and funerals, where maximally 30 persons at one time may attend in indoor premises;
 - b) meetings, congresses and similar events of constitutional bodies, public authorities, courts

- and other public entities, which are held on the basis of the law;
- c) assemblies held pursuant to Act No. 84/1990 Coll., on the Right of Assembly, as amended;
 - d) public gatherings for which the Ministry of Health stipulated the binding hygienic-epidemiological conditions for mass events otherwise prohibited pursuant to this crisis measure, upon the observance of which they may be held for reasons worthy of consideration, in particular if these are events in the important interest of the state, important cultural events or important sporting matches or competitions,
 - e) sports training of amateur athletes under the age of 18, organised sports clubs, on outdoor premises in a designated sports facilities, provided that there is at least 15 m² per athlete and the groups do not exceed 30 people and that interior premises of the facility are not used (changing rooms, showers, etc.); the entity organising the sports training is required to keep records of people participating in the sports training for the purposes of potential epidemiological investigation by public health protection authorities, in the scope of the participant's identification (name, surname) and contact details (ideally telephone number), and to store these records for a period of 30 days from the date of the sports training; before starting the sports training, the participant, with the exception of children under 6 years of age, shall:
 - i) demonstrate that they meet all the conditions stipulated under point l/19, or
 - ii) present a confirmation from their employer demonstrating that they took an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, with a negative result, or
 - iii) they present a statutory declaration or a statutory declaration of their legal representative stating that they took an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, that the result was negative, or
 - iv) take an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, with a negative result, or
 the subject organizing the sports preparation checks that the conditions have been met and participants that do not meet the conditions as per sections i) to iv) or participant with a positive test result as per section iv) shall not be allowed to participate in the sports preparation,
 - f) organized leisure activities for persons under 18 years of age, under the conditions set forth in point 4(g),

17. the following conditions are stipulated for exercising the right to peaceful assembly pursuant to Act No. 84/1990 Coll., on the Right to Assemble, as amended, in that:

- a) each participant is obliged to have respiratory protective equipment (covering the nose and mouth) preventing the spread of droplets, in accordance with the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health regulating the use of respiratory protective equipment,
- b) if the assembly is held outside the indoor premises of buildings, the participants may assemble in groups of maximally 20 and maintain a distance of at least 2 meters between the groups of participants,
- c) if the assembly is held on the indoor premises of buildings, the participants must maintain a distance of at least 2 meters between each other (except household members) and disinfect their hands before entering the indoor premises,

18. the following conditions are stipulated for the holding of elections of bodies of legal entities and meetings of the bodies of legal entities, except for the bodies of local governments, if they are attended by more than 10 persons in one place:

- a) the participants are seated so as to maintain a distance of at least 2 meters, except for household members,
 - b) when entering the indoor premises, the participant will prove that they meet the conditions stipulated in point 1.19, and the operator will check the fulfillment of conditions and will not allow participants who do not meet the conditions to access the indoor premises,
19. stipulates the following conditions for the access of persons to certain indoor premises and for attending public events, if required by this extraordinary measure:
- a) the person has taken an RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen with a negative result no more than 7 days ago, or
 - b) the person has taken a POC test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen with a negative result no more than 72 hours ago, or
 - c) a person who has been issued a certificate by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic on vaccination against COVID-19, and at least 14 days have passed since the application of the second dose of a vaccine in the case of a two-dose scheme in accordance with the summary of product characteristics (hereinafter "SPC") or at least 14 days have passed since the application of the first dose of a vaccine in the case of a single-dose scheme in accordance with the SPC, or
 - d) the person has undergone a laboratory-confirmed instance of COVID-19, where the period of isolation in accordance with a valid extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health has ended, and no more than 90 days have passed since the first positive RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 or POC antigen test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 antigen, whereas this person must not have clinical symptoms of COVID-19.

II.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 10 May 2021, the extraordinary measure of 5 May 2021 Ref. No. MZDR 14601/2021-9/MIN/KAN is repealed.

III.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the date of its issue.

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