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 amendments to Certain Related Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”), orders this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. of 14 December 2021, the Extraordinary Measure of 27 October 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-20/MIN/KAN, as amended by the Extraordinary Measure of 1. November 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-21/MIN/KAN, the Extraordinary Measure of 12 November 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-22/MIN/KAN, the Extraordinary Measure of 18 November 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-23/MIN/KAN, and the Extraordinary Measure of 20 November 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-24/MIN/KAN, is amended in that

1. in point 1 of Art. X, the words “Art. I through VI, IX and XI shall apply mutatis mutandis” are replaced with the words “Art. I, II, III point 2, VI, IX and XI shall apply mutatis mutandis”.

2. In Art. X, a new point 3 will be added after point 2, which shall read:

“3. Preventive testing pursuant to point 1 is performed on any teaching day of the week at a frequency of once every 7 days. If the testing day is not a teaching day, preventive testing will be performed on a different day of the week.”

II.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. of 3 January 2022, the Extraordinary Measure of 27 October 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-20/MIN/KAN, as amended by the Extraordinary Measure of 1. November 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-21/MIN/KAN, the Extraordinary Measure of 12 November 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-22/MIN/KAN, the Extraordinary Measure of 18 November 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-23/MIN/KAN, and the Extraordinary Measure of 20 November 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-24/MIN/KAN, is amended in that

1. Art. IV through VII read:

“IV.

If the result of the preventive antigen test pursuant to Art. I(1)(a) is positive, the school is obliged to contact the child’s or pupil’s legal guardian immediately and inform them of the result of the preventive antigen test. The school shall issue confirmation of the positive test result to the child or pupil immediately using the form, a specimen of which is provided in the annex to this measure. This confirmation must contain the following data: name of the legal entity
performing educational activity, company identification number (ID No.), organization identification code (IZO), school’s contact person and their telephone number, name and surname of the tested child or pupil, their personal number, date of the test and signature of the school principal or their authorized representative. The child or pupil is obliged to leave the school immediately; in the case of a child or pupil that cannot leave the school alone, the school is obliged to ensure their separation from other persons immediately and their legal guardian must pick them up at school or arrange for them to be picked up by another person.

V.  
1. Unless otherwise specified below, the school shall, without undue delay after obtaining the results of the preventive antigen tests, send to the relevant regional public health authority or the Public Health Authority of the City of Prague (hereinafter referred to as the “regional public health authority”) via the Covid Forms Application (hereinafter referred to as “CFA”) an electronic file in xlsx format containing a list of children or pupils who have been tested at the school and have had a positive result of the preventive antigen test, including their name and surname, contact telephone number, personal number, date of birth, health insurance company code, contact e-mail address, municipality of residence and postcode and nationality and the date of the test, as well as the school identification data.

2. If, in justified cases for technical reasons, it is not possible to follow the procedure in point 1, the school shall, without delay and no later than at the end of the day on which the preventive antigen tests are carried out at the school, notify the legal guardians of children or pupils who have had a positive result of the preventive antigen test referred to in Art. I, point 1, or adult pupils who have had a positive result of the preventive antigen test referred to in Art. I, point 1, of the obligation to undergo a confirmatory RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2.

VI.  
On the basis of the data sent by the school pursuant to Art. V, point 1, the regional public health authority shall issue an electronic request for confirmatory testing for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus using RT-PCR method to all children or pupils who were included in the list sent by the school pursuant to Art. V, point 1.

VII.  
1. All persons with a positive result of the preventive antigen test referred to in Art. I, point 1(a) are ordered to undergo a confirmatory RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus without undue delay after being informed about the issuing of the electronic request referred to in Art. VI or the notification from the school referred to in Art. V, point 2.

2. In the case of a situation under Art. V(2), the child's or student's legal guardian or adult student shall submit the school's confirmation under Art. V(2) to the health care provider performing the confirmatory RT-PCR test.

3. The healthcare services provider performing the SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test to whom the confirmation under point 2 was submitted shall immediately issue a request for a confirmatory RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 in the Infectious Disease Information System (ISIN), in the electronic request module, to the person referred to in point 1. The healthcare service provider shall also indicate in the ISIN in the electronic request module that the test is a confirmatory RT-PCR test following a positive result of a rapid antigen test (RAT) to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen for self-testing (use by non-professionals) carried out as part of routine preventive testing in schools and shall indicate the identification number (ICO) of the given school.

4. The healthcare service provider referred to in point 3 shall, after issuing the request referred to in point 3, immediately test the person for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus using the RT-PCR method. The healthcare service provider shall keep the confirmation referred to in point 2 for the purpose of control for 3 years.
5. If the result of the confirmatory RT-PCR test of a child or pupil is positive, the child, pupil or their legal guardian shall inform the registering healthcare service provider in general or pediatric medicine without undue delay of the positive result of the confirmatory RT-PCR test. This provider shall order the child or pupil to be isolated.

2. A new Art. VIII is added after Art. VII, which reads as follows:

“VIII.
1. If a child or pupil or teaching staff member has a positive RT-PCR test result for the SARS-CoV-2 virus and was present at the school 2 days prior to showing clinical symptoms of Covid-19 or 2 days prior to the collection of a sample for the RT-PCR test, if they have no clinical symptoms of Covid-19, or before the date of the positive result of the RT-PCR test, the child’s or pupil’s legal guardian, the adult pupil or teaching staff member shall immediately report the positive test result to the school.

2. The school shall immediately inform the relevant regional public health authority by telephone or e-mail of the fact established pursuant to paragraph 1. The school shall also send to the relevant regional public health authority, via the CFA, an electronic file in xlsx format containing a list of children or pupils and school staff who have been assessed by the school, in cooperation with the regional public health authority, as an epidemiologically significant contact of the child or pupil or teaching staff member referred to in point 1, including their name and surname, contact telephone number, personal number, date of birth, health insurance company code, contact e-mail address, municipality of residence and postcode and nationality, date of contact with the child or pupil or teaching staff member referred to in point 1 and the school’s identification data. The regional public health authority shall carry out an epidemiological investigation, including a risk assessment, and take adequate anti-epidemic measures to prevent the spread of the disease. In the event that the regional public health authority decides to carry out preventive screening testing of children or pupils and school staff for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in an outbreak area defined by the regional public health on the basis of an epidemiological investigation, the school is obliged to send without delay, in accordance with the procedure referred to in the second sentence, the data of these children or pupils and staff, including their name and surname, contact telephone number, personal number, date of birth, health insurance company code, contact e-mail address, municipality of residence and postcode and nationality.”

3. Art. X point 2 reads:

“2. If the result of the test pursuant to point 1 is positive, the child, pupil or their legal guardian is obliged to inform the registering healthcare service provider in general or pediatric medicine without undue delay of the positive test result. This provider shall order the child or pupil to be isolated.”

4. In Art. XI, the words “COVID form App” shall be replaced with the words “CFA”.
CONFIRMATION OF POSITIVE RESULT OF A PREVENTIVE ANTIGEN TEST FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE SARS-COV-2 VIRUS ANTIGEN PERFORMED BY A NON-PROFESSIONAL (SELF-TEST)

Name of the legal entity performing the educational activity:
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ID No. ..................................................................................................................................

IZO .........................................................................................................................................

Contact person.........................................................................................................................

Contact person’s telephone: ......................................................................................................

IT IS CONFIRMED THAT THE Pupil

Surname ...................................................................................................................................

Name ........................................................................................................................................

Date of birth ..............................................................................................................................

Personal ID number: ..................................................................................................................

HAS ON [DATE] ....................................... TAKEN AN ANTIGEN TEST AS PART OF THE SCREENING TESTING AT SCHOOLS, AND THE RESULT OF THIS SELF-TEST IS POSITIVE.

In .........................dated....................... Signature School principal or their authorised representative
Mgr. et Mgr. Adam Vojtěch, MHA, undersigned
Minister of Health