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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 amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”), orders, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in protecting the population and preventing the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, this Extraordinary Measure:

### **I.**

**1. Effective from 24 March 2020 at 6:00 a.m., through to 1 April 2020 at 6:00 a.m., free movement of persons within the Czech Republic is hereby prohibited, with the exception of:**

- a) travel to work and for the performance of business or other similar activities;**
- b) travel necessary to visit family or persons within an arm’s-length relationship;**
- c) travel required for procuring basic life necessities (e.g., shopping for food, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, hygiene products, cosmetics, and other druggist goods, feed and other articles for animals), including the needs of relatives and persons within an arm’s-length relationship, ensuring care for children, ensuring care for animals, use of necessary financial and postal services, restocking on automotive fuel;**
- d) travel required for ensuring the needs and services specified in paragraph (c) for another person (e.g., volunteering, neighbourly help);**
- e) travel to medical facilities and social services facilities, including serving as necessary accompaniment for relatives and persons within an arm’s-length relationship, and ensuring veterinary care;**
- f) travel to arrange urgent official matters, including serving as necessary accompaniment for relatives and persons within an arm’s-length relationship;**
- g) performing one’s occupation or activities serving to ensure:**
  - 1. security and safety, internal order, and addressing emergency situations;**
  - 2. protection of health, provision of medical or social care, including volunteering;**

3. individual spiritual care and services;
4. mass public transport and other infrastructure;
5. services for the population, including supplies and delivery services;
6. veterinary care;

h) visits to nature and parks;

i) travel back to one's home;

j) funerals.

2. Effective from 24 March 2020 at 6:00 a.m., through to 1 April 2020 at 6:00 a.m., the following is ordered:

- a) persons present in the Czech Republic shall limit their presence in publicly accessible places to the necessary minimum and to remain in their homes, with the exception of the cases listed in paragraph 1 (a) to (j);
- b) limit contact with other persons to the necessary minimum;
- c) not be present in publicly accessible places in groups greater than two persons, with the exception of the members of a single household or if for the purpose of the performance of one's occupation or in the course of business or other similar activities, or to attend a funeral, and maintain a distance of at least 2 meters whenever possible when in contact with others.

## II.

This Extraordinary Measure shall take effect on the day of its issue.

### Rationale:

This Extraordinary Measure has been issued in connection with the adverse development of the epidemiological situation in terms of the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease, caused by the novel coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic.

The object of all of the changes proposed, further to the *de facto* identical restrictions adopted earlier by a Government Resolution, is the attempt to limit to the maximum extent social contact between people, with the exception of necessary travel, so as to prevent community transmission of the COVID-19 disease to the maximum extent possible.



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