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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., on protecting the population and on preventing the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 virus caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, the following extraordinary measure:

I.

Banned with effect from 11 March 2020:

- **the personal presence of pupils and students during elementary, secondary and higher vocational education at school and educational facilities pursuant to Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on preschool, elementary, secondary, higher vocational and other education (Schools Act), as amended,**
- **the personal presence of students at university studies pursuant to Act No. 111/1998, on higher education institutions and on the amendment to other acts (Higher Education Act), as amended.**

II.

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

Rationale:

This extraordinary measure has been issued in connection with the adverse development of the epidemiological situation associated with the occurrence in Europe of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus designated SARS-CoV-2.

The subject of the measure is the prohibition of education at all types of schools in order to protect against the incidence and spread of the COVID-19 virus. Collective education at all types of schools poses a higher risk of contagion of the virus due to the high accumulation of people in a restricted space.

The measure is directed towards all entities which organise education pursuant to the aforementioned laws.

This measure is an important prerequisite for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic.

The immediate implementation of this measure is required in order to adequately evaluate the risk, given the current adverse epidemiological situation around the incidence of COVID-19 disease, which is the reason for the effective date of this extraordinary measure being the date of its issue.

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Minister of Health

Signed electronically