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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 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., in order to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

### **I.**

With immediately effect, all persons are prohibited from moving about and staying in any location outside of their dwelling without protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth), such as a respirator, face mask, mouthpiece, scarf, shawl or other device to prevent the spread of droplets, with the exception of;

- drivers of public transit, who are alone in a closed cabin separated from the area designated for transporting persons,
- children under two years of age,
- persons with severe disorders on the autism spectrum, and
- persons in closed vehicles, if they are all members of the same household.

### **II.**

The extraordinary measure of 30 March 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 13894/2020-1/MIN/KAN, is hereby repealed.

### **III.**

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

#### **Rationale:**

The Extraordinary Measure has been issued in connection with the 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 Europe. Given the current spread of the COVID-19 disease in the Czech Republic and in most countries around the world, it is necessary to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 disease, which the World Health Organisation declared a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

This Measure is an important prerequisite for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic. The coronavirus is transmitted from person to person in close contact. It is known as a droplet infection, which is airborne. Most frequently, it affects the mucous membranes of the upper and lower respiratory track and the conjunctives. The incubation period is two to fourteen days. The most common ways for the virus to enter the human body are the mucous membranes, meaning the mouth, nose and also the eyes. These places are an open door for the virus.

The aim of this measure is to use protection against the spread of droplets from the carriers of this disease so as to maximally limit the community transmission of the COVID-19 disease. For this reason, moving about and staying in any location outside of the dwelling without protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth), such as a respirator, face mask, mouthpiece, scarf, shawl or other device to prevent the spreading of droplets, is prohibited.

The extraordinary measure follows up the currently valid extraordinary measure, in that it stipulates a new exception in the right not to wear protective respiratory passage equipment for persons with serious disorders on the autism spectrum, who often refuse to wear a face mask as a result of this disease and would be unable to leave their homes without this exemption.

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