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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.

1. Effective from 1 May 2020, 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;
  - a) children under two years of age,
  - b) children over two year of age and under seven years of age in maternity schools when they are attending maternity school or a children’s group while on the premises where the children’s group is conducted,
  - c) persons with intellectual disorders, cognitive disorders or severe alterations of mental state, whose mental capacity or current mental state does not allow them to observe this prohibition,
  - d) persons in a closed vehicles, if they are all members of the same household.
  - e) drivers of public transit, who are alone in a closed cabin separated from the area designated for transporting persons,
  - f) persons performing copyrighted works (e.g. theatre, dance or musical performances) and persons participating in the creation and production of audiovisual works or programs if the conditions under paragraph 2 are met,
  - g) moderators, reporters and similar persons presenting radio, television and other programs, in a studio and without guests, and only if the conditions under paragraph 2 are met.
2. The organizers of the performance of copyrighted works, creators and producers or audiovisual works or programs, if they require the person specified under paragraph 1(f) or (g) (hereinafter the “artist”) to perform without protective respiratory equipment while performing the copyrighted work or producing the program, are ordered to ensure the fulfilment of the following conditions with effect from 1 May 2020:
  - in the case of the persons specified in paragraph 1(f), that the artist has taken a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 with a negative result, which is no more

than 4 days old before commencing the performance of the work or recording of the audiovisual work or program, and subsequently at least once every 14 days while the performance of the work lasts,

- a distance of at least 2 meters is maintained between the performing artists and other persons carrying out activities related to performance of the copyright work or creation of the audiovisual work or creation of the audiovisual work or program (hereinafter the “collaborators”), artists and audience, etc. at the place of performance of the copyrighted work; this distance need not be maintained between the performing artists,
- the place of performing the copyrighted work or recording the audiovisual work or program is regularly disinfected, and regularly ventilated if it is a closed space,
- hand disinfectant is available to the artists and their collaborators,
- if any of the artists or their collaborators has a body temperature of 37 °C or higher or other symptoms of the COVID-19 disease, they are prohibited from accessing the place of performance of the copyrighted work or creation of the audiovisual work or program.

## II.

The extraordinary measure of 9 April 2020, Ref. No. 15757/2020-2/MIN/KAN, is hereby repealed.

## III.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the date 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 spreading of droplets from the carriers of this disease, so as to maximally limit the community transmission of 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 spread of droplets, is prohibited.

The extraordinary measure follows up on the currently valid extraordinary measure, given that it stipulates new exceptions from it for the attendance of children from two to seven years of age at maternity schools and children's groups, who stay on the premises of the maternity school or children's group, both indoor and outdoor.

Another exception is stipulated for persons with intellectual disorders, cognitive disorders or severe alterations of mental state, whose mental capacity or current mental state does not allow them to observe this prohibition, with regard to the nature and manifestations of their diseases. This exception also includes the existing exceptions for persons with severe disorders on the autism spectrum.

Another exception applies to authorisation not to wear protective respiratory equipment for artists when performing copyrighted work and other persons acting in audiovisual works or programs. However, this exception may be applied only if the person organizing the performance of the copyrighted work or recording of the audiovisual work or program ensures the fulfilment of the necessary hygienic measures.

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