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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 the amendment 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. With effect from 5 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 spreading 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, **and teachers at maternity schools and caregivers in children’s groups,**
  - c) **children, pupils, students and participants in education and teachers at schools and educational facilities listed in the school registry and persons at educational institutions which provide one-year foreign language courses with daily lessons or providing consultancy services within one room, if a distance of at least 1.5 m is maintained,**
  - d) persons with intellectual disorders, cognitive disorders or severe alterations of their mental state, whose mental capacity or current mental state does not allow them to observe this prohibition,
  - e) persons in a closed vehicle, if they are all members of the same household.
  - f) **persons for the essential time needed to take their portrait photographs, or photographs of newlyweds,**
  - g) drivers of public transit, who are alone in a closed cabin separated from the area designated for transporting persons,
  - h) 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,
  - i) 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(h) or (i) (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 effective from 1 May 2020:
- in the case of the persons specified under letter (h), the artist undertook a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 with a negative result, which is no more than 4 days old, before the date of commencing performance of the work or recording of the audiovisual work or program, and subsequently minimally once every 14 days for as long as 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”), the 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 30 April 2020, Ref. No. 15757/2020-10/MIN/KAN, is hereby repealed.

## III

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

### **Rationale:**

This 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 identified 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 on the currently valid extraordinary measure, whereas it stipulates new exemptions therefrom for participants in education and persons whose photographs are being taken in specific cases.

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