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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)(b) 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.**

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 25 May 2020 until the cancellation of this extraordinary measure, celebrations, theater and film performances, sports and other gatherings and markets are prohibited or restricted, in that

- I. unless stipulated otherwise by this crisis measure, all theatre, music, film and other artistic performances, sports, cultural, religious, community, dance, traditional and similar events and other gatherings, exhibitions, celebrations, pilgrimages, shows, tastings, markets, trade fairs and educational events and celebrations, both public and private, which would be attended simultaneously by more than 300 people, are **prohibited**; this prohibition does not apply to meetings, congresses and similar events of constitutional bodies, public authorities, courts and other public entities which are held on the basis of the law;

### **II. The following are restricted**

- a) The holding of large events in indoor and outdoor premises with at most 300 participants at any one time, so that the following rules are observed:
  - A distance of at least 2 meters is maintained between persons, excluding household members or close persons (hereinafter “household members”),
  - A container with disinfectant for hand disinfection is available;
- a) Organized training or matches of athletes at outdoor and indoor sports grounds, so that the following rules are observed:
  - No more than 300 persons may be located on the sports grounds at the same time,
  - A distance of at least 2 meters is maintained between the athletes and other persons,
  - During training or matches, the athletes are not required to wear protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth) which prevents the spread of droplets,

- A container with disinfectant for the disinfection of the hands will be available on the sports grounds,
  - After the training or matches, all the used equipment will be disinfected regularly;
- b) Participation at wedding ceremonies, so that the following rules are observed:
- It is attended by the fiancées, their two witnesses, the person acting on behalf of the public authority or person acting on behalf of the authorized church, registrar and other persons, so that the total number of attendees does not exceed 300 persons,
  - In the course of the wedding ceremony, the fiancées are not required to wear protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth) that prevents the spread of droplets,
  - The participants in the wedding ceremony are not obliged to maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from other persons,
  - Upon conclusion of the wedding ceremony, all of the used items will be disinfected, These rules will apply mutatis mutandis to the declaration of persons that they are entering into a registered partnership together.
- c) Participation at church services, so that the following rules are observed:
- the service is attended by at most 300 people at the same time,
  - The participants at the service maintain a minimal distance of 2 meters between each other at the place of the service (church, choir, etc.), except for family members,
  - the participants at the mass mandatorily disinfect their hands before entering the premises of the mass,
  - the participants at the service wear protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth), which prevents the spread of droplets, except when taking the Eucharist/communion,
  - the wish of peace and blessing with holy water and similar rituals are omitted during the mass,
  - the clergyman disinfects his hands at least before the start of the mass, before and after serving the Eucharist/communion,
  - the length of the mass is not needlessly extended while observing liturgical regulations,
  - the premises of the mass is duly ventilated and contact points (handles, pews, etc.) are disinfected after the mass,
  - The worshipers are prevented from entering other places in the church/choir except for the primary area of the service;
- The same rules shall also apply to weddings and christenings; churches/choirs remain open outside of mass for private prayer and individual spiritual care.

## II.

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

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