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## PROTECTIVE 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 No258/2000 Coll."), **orders**, proceeding pursuant to Section 68(1) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., the following protective measures to protect against the contagion of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

### I.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 15 June 2020, it

#### I. orders

1. the prohibition of entry into the Czech Republic for all foreigners, who did not have temporary residence for over 90 days or permanent residence in the Czech Republic as at 12 March 2020; this does not apply to:
  - a) family members pursuant to Section 15a(1) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residency of Foreigners in the Czech Republic and on the amendment of certain laws, as amended, citizens of the Czech Republic or citizens of the European Union with a domicile in the Czech Republic,
  - b) citizens of the European Union and foreigners with residency permits in the European Union who are transiting across the Czech Republic in order to travel home, and have a note issued by the diplomatic mission for this purpose (transit and repatriation),
  - c) if the entry of these foreigners is in the interest of the Czech Republic,
  - d) workers in international forwarding,
  - e) workers in critical infrastructure servicing,
  - f) diplomats and officials of international organizations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
  - g) in urgent extraordinary situations,
  - h) to citizens of the European Union and citizens that have been granted the position of long-term residency in another European Union member state, who enter

the Czech Republic for more than 72 hours for the purpose of performing economic activity or visiting a person with whom they have provable family relationships, including permanent partnership, if they prove the address at which they will be staying and submit medical confirmation of taking a test pursuant to paragraph III/1;

i) citizens of the European Union who enter the Czech Republic for the purpose of performing economic activity or university studies, provided they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/1,

j) for workers in the food industry who were issued a visa with validity starting from 11 May 2020, and for seasonal workers if they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/2,

k) essential and scientific workers who were issued a visa with validity starting from 11 May 2020, and their family members accompanying them who were issued a visa from 11 May 2020, provided they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/2,

l) healthcare and social service workers who were issued a visa with validity starting from 11 May 2020, and their family members accompanying them who were issued a visa from 11 May 2020, provided they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/2,

m) holders of a long-term visa for the purpose of collecting their residency permit, provided they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/2,

n) spouses and minor children of foreigners with permitted long-term or permanent residence in the Czech Republic, who were issued a long-term visa, provided they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/2.

o) citizens of the European Union with issued confirmation of temporary residency or with permanent residence in European Union member states and other states in the Schengen area with a low risk of COVID-19 contagion set forth in paragraph III/4 and their family members pursuant to Section 15a(1) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residency of Foreigners in the Czech Republic and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended, and foreigners with granted long-term residency status in a European Union member state or other state of the Schengen area with a low risk of COVID-19 contagion set forth in paragraph III/4 and their family members pursuant to Section 15a(1) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residency of Foreigners in the Czech Republic and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended,

if the reason for entry is substantiated by the appropriate document;

2. all the persons who enter the Czech Republic pursuant to paragraphs 1(a) through (g) shall report this fact to the regional public health authority based on their place of residence or reported dwelling via telephone or other means of remote access immediately after entering the Czech Republic; this does not apply to the persons specified in paragraph 1

a) (a), if they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/1; family members who were issued a short-term visa will submit a confirmation pursuant to paragraph III/2

- b) (b) and (g), if the duration of their stay in the Czech Republic is no more than 24 hours or if they submit medical confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/1,
  - c) (c), (d), (e) and (f), if the duration of their stay in the Czech Republic is no more than 14 days or if they submit medical confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/1,
3. all citizens of the Czech Republic and foreigners with temporary residence for over 90 days or permanent residence in the Czech Republic, who do not submit medical confirmation of passing a test pursuant to paragraph III/1 when entering the Czech Republic, shall report this fact to the regional hygienic station based on their place of residence or reported dwelling via telephone or other means of remote access immediately after entering the Czech Republic; this does not apply to the persons who prove by means of the appropriate document that
- a) they travelled abroad in an urgent extraordinary situation, if the period of travel abroad was no more than 24 hours,
  - b) if they travelled abroad as employees in international transport, as employees of critical infrastructure maintenance, diplomats or officials of international organizations, provided the period of travel abroad was no more than 14 days; critical infrastructure maintenance abroad for these purposes must include a note from the diplomatic mission in the target country,
  - c) they travelled abroad for the purpose of performing economic activity, if the period of travel abroad was no more than 72 hours,
  - d) are citizens of the Czech Republic and foreigners with temporary residence for more than 90 days or permanent residence in the Czech Republic, who have returned from travel only in the member states of the European Union and other states of the Schengen area with a low risk and moderate risk of COVID-19 contagion, specified in paragraph III/4,
  - e) are citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members pursuant to Section 15a(1) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residency of Foreigners in the Czech Republic and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended, who prove that they have residence in a European Union member state or other state of the Schengen area with a low risk of COVID-19 contagion set forth in paragraph III/4;
4. regional public health authorities, to impose the necessary quarantine measures on persons who report their entry into the Czech Republic pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3, and do not submit confirmation of having taken a test pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 to the locally competent regional public health authority even within 72 hours of entering the Czech Republic, and if the test proved the presence of SARS CoV-2, to decide about isolation pursuant to Section 64(1) in conjunction with Section 2(6) and (7) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on the Protection of Public Health and on the amendment of certain related laws, as amended;
5. all persons who report entry to the Czech Republic pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 to undergo a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 immediately and to submit confirmation of having taken this test to the locally competent regional public health authority pursuant to paragraph III/1 at latest within 72 hours from entering the Czech Republic, unless the public health protection authorities decided on other quarantine measures in the individual cases of persons in the category of interest of the Czech republic, critical infrastructure maintenance, diplomats and officials of international organizations, or urgent extraordinary situations, in accordance with Act No. 258/2000 Coll. and the duration of these measures; if the person does not submit medical confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/1, the regional public health

authority proceeds  
pursuant to paragraph 4;

6. all persons who entered the Czech Republic from 12:00 a.m. on 26 May 2020,
  - a) to report the incidence of any symptoms of an early infectious disease (in particular elevated temperature, cough, shortness of breath, digestive problems, loss of smell, overall weakness or other symptoms) immediately, via telephone or any other means of remote access, to the healthcare provider with whom they are registered in the discipline of general medicine or general pediatric medicine or, if they are not registered with any provider, to any provider in the discipline of general medicine or general pediatric medicine,
  - b) to undergo examinations for symptoms of an infectious disease when crossing the state border, and if the symptoms of an infectious disease are detected, to provide the necessary cooperation to healthcare workers in conducting the taking of a biological sample in order to determine the presence of the COVID-19 disease;
7. all entities who hire foreigners for the purpose of economic activity pursuant to the exception under paragraph I/1(j) through (m) will ensure for these foreigners
  - a) accommodation for the entire duration of their stay in the Czech Republic,
  - b) medical care or a registered healthcare service provider for the entire duration of their stay in the Czech Republic, including payment for medical care, if not arranged otherwise,
  - c) their transport from the state border to the place of accommodation and for a period of 14 days from entry into the Czech Republic, transport between the place of accommodation and workplace, whereas the foreigner cannot use public transit to travel to and from work,
  - d) return to their country of origin if they lose their employment in the Czech Republic;
8. all the persons pursuant to paragraph I/1(j) through (m), whose entry is considered essential, may exceptionally be allowed to enter the Czech Republic even without submitting confirmation of having taken the test ; this necessity is confirmed by the minister responsible for the given sector; these persons are obliged to take the RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 within 72 hours of entering the Czech Republic and must submit confirmation of having taken the test pursuant to paragraph III/1 to the locally competent regional public health authority;
9. suspension of the acceptance of applications for visas and temporary and permanent residence at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic, with the exception of applications for:
  - a) short-term visas, if the purpose of the stay is specified in paragraph I(a), (c), (d) (e), (f), (g), (j), and (l),
  - b) long-term visas for the purpose of seasonal employment,
  - c) extraordinary work visas,
  - d) temporary residence if filed by foreigners included in the government Program for essential and scientific workers,
  - e) temporary residence filed by foreigners included in the government Program of qualified employees, if they perform healthcare professions or work in social services, or foreigners who were included in the Program before 12 March 2020,

- f) temporary residence filed by citizens included in the government Program for highly qualified workers,
- g) long-term residency permits for the purpose of scientific research and applications for a residency permit for over 90 days for the spouses and minor children of scientific workers,
- h) long-term visas and long-term residency permits for the purpose of study, cultural, sports and working vacation,
- i) long-term or permanent residence permits for the purpose of joint family cohabitation in the country and applications for long-term visas for family purposes, in the case of spouses or minor children of a foreigner with a long-term or permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic,
- j) issuing of long-term visas for the purpose of taking over a residence permit in the Czech Republic;

these exceptions apply only for visa and temporary residence applications at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in countries whose measures implemented in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic allow the acceptance of such applications; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will publish a list of these countries via means enabling remote access;

10. interrupt all procedures regarding residence permit applications for over 90 days filed at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic, except for procedures about applications submitted at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in countries whose measures implemented in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic allow the performance of steps within the procedure; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will publish a list of these countries via means enabling remote access;

## **II. prohibits**

all persons who enter the Czech Republic and who were not ordered into quarantine pursuant to paragraph I/4, with the exception of the persons set forth in paragraph I/3(d) and (e), and the persons specified in paragraph I/1(h) through (n), from moving freely about the Czech Republic for the duration of their stay in the Czech Republic, for a period of maximally 14 days from entering the Czech Republic, except for:

- a) travel to work and movement as a part of performing work, and travel to perform business or similar activities and movement as a part of performing this activity,
- b) travel required to arrange essential life needs, to ensure child care, to ensure pet care, to use the necessary financial and postal services, and to refuel,
- c) travel to healthcare facilities and social services facilities,
- d) travel to take care of urgent official matters,
- e) travel back to one's home;
- f) funerals;

## **III. stipulates**

1. that the medical confirmation of having passed a test refers to a confirmation issued by a physician or public health protection authority that a RT-PCR test for the presence of

SARS-CoV-2 was conducted with a negative result, which is no more than 4 days old; the person procures the test at his/her own expense;

2. that the confirmation of having taken a test refers to the medical confirmation of having taken a test pursuant to paragraph 1, together with confirmation issued by the respective laboratory stating that a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 was performed with a negative result, which is no more than 4 days old; the confirmation must contain data based on which the type of test, its age, the laboratory which performed the test and the fact that it actually issued the confirmation can be determined;
3. that an urgent extraordinary situation pursuant to paragraph I/1(g) refers to
  - a) the cross-border passage of members of the integrated rescue system, including mountain rescue and other components of the integrated rescue system,
  - b) the transport of blood, bone marrow and other biological material by collection teams, transport and passage by ambulance or funeral service vehicle,
  - c) need to provide healthcare services,
  - d) fulfillment of obligations imposed by the court, travel based on a subpoena from a state authority, execution of a court decision, or other official acts or use of necessary financial and postal services,
  - e) picking up or dropping off family members from or to abroad, including cars at airports,
  - f) essential care for close family members who are unable to take care of themselves, exercising of rights, care for minors or contact with them and ensuring the necessary care for animals,
  - g) participation at funerals or weddings,
  - h) other humanitarian situations.
4. that the member states of the European Union and other states in the Schengen area with a low risk of COVID-19 contagion are:
  - Republic of Bulgaria,
  - Republic of Estonia,
  - Republic of Finland,
  - Republic of Croatia,
  
  - Iceland,
  - Republic of Cyprus,
  - Principality of Liechtenstein,
  - Republic of Lithuania,
  - Republic of Latvia,
  - Grand Duchy of Luxembourg,
  - Hungary,
  - Federal Republic of Germany,
  - Kingdom of Norway,
  - Republic of Poland,
  - Republic of Austria,
  - Romania,
  - Hellenic Republic,
  - Slovak Republic,
  - Republic of Slovenia,
  - Swiss Confederation,

that the member states of the European Union with a moderate risk of COVID-19 contagion are:

- Kingdom of Belgium,
- Kingdom of Denmark,
- French Republic,
- Republic of Ireland,
- Italian Republic,
- Republic of Malta,
- Kingdom of the Netherlands,
- Portuguese Republic,
- Kingdom of Spain.

5. that a European Union citizen refers also to a citizen of a state pursuant to Section 1(3) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residency of Foreigners in the Czech Republic and on the amendment of certain acts.

## II.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 15 June 2020, the protective measure of the Ministry of Health Ref. No. MZDR 20588/2020-4/MIN/KAN, of 26 May 2020 is repealed.

## III

This protective measures comes into effect on the date it is issued.

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