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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 amending 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., to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

1. Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 8 December 2020 until the cancellation of this Extraordinary Measure, all persons are prohibited from moving about and staying without protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth), such as a respirator, face mask, cloth, scarf, shawl or other device to prevent the spread of droplets:
 - a) in all indoor premises of buildings, except for the home or place of accommodation (e.g. a hotel room),
 - b) in means of public transport,
 - c) on the platforms, shelters and waiting rooms of public transport,
 - d) in motor vehicles, unless only the members of one household are travelling in the motor vehicle,
 - e) in all other publicly-accessible spaces in the built-up areas of municipalities, where there are at least 2 persons present in the same place at the same time at a distance of less than 2 metres, unless these are exclusively members of one household.In exceptional cases, when it is necessary for the pupil or student to see the teacher's mouth during teaching, it is possible for the teacher to use a protective shield as protective respiratory equipment, under the condition that they maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from the pupils or students.
2. The prohibition pursuant to paragraph 1 does not apply to:
 - a) children under two years of age,
 - b) children and teaching staff at nursery schools and children and persons caring for them in children's groups,
 - c) pupils, students and teaching staff in accordance with the Education Act and students and academic staff in accordance with Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendment and Supplementation of Certain other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended, within the framework of educational activities, the nature of which makes wearing of protective equipment impossible (in particular physical education, singing and playing wind instruments),
 - d) accommodated children, pupils or students while staying in the room (i.e. outside of the common areas) at the boarding school or children's home,
 - e) educational facilities for the performance of institutional education or protective education and schools established as a part of them and centres of educational care when providing services as boarding schools,
 - f) schools established by the Ministry of Justice;
 - g) pupils, students or teaching staff at a school or class established under Section 16(9) of

- the Schools Act, pupils at the preparatory level of special primary school and pupils in the educational field of Practical One-year School and Practical Two-Year School, and pupils, students and teaching staff who are participating in extra-curricular education at school clubs or in groups designated exclusively for these pupils or students,
- h) employees and children at facilities for children requiring immediate assistance,
 - i) persons with intellectual disorders, disorders on the autistic spectrum and cognitive disorders or severe alterations of their mental state, whose mental capacity or current mental state does not allow them to observe this prohibition,
 - j) patients, if they are hospitalised in inpatient healthcare facilities or if this is necessary for the provision of healthcare services,
 - k) healthcare workers for the necessary period of time, if required for the provision of healthcare services,
 - l) social service users in social service buildings, such as weekly care centres, homes for persons with a medical handicap, homes for senior citizens and homes with a special regime, and in facilities providing facilitating social services in residential form,
 - m) other cases worthy of consideration that are stipulated by a healthcare or social services provider or attending doctor for movement and staying in healthcare facilities and social service facilities,
 - n) employees and persons in a similar position, including officials, for the period when they perform work in one place, if such a person works at a distance of at least 2 metres from other persons,
 - o) persons driving public transit vehicles, who are not in direct contact with passengers during their clearance,
 - p) judges, lay assessors, public prosecutors, accused persons and their defense counsel, parties to civil, administrative and constitutional court proceedings and their representatives, witnesses, experts, interpreters and other persons on which a court decides, in the place and at the time of the court proceedings,
 - q) persons performing copyrighted works (e.g. theatre, dance or musical performances), lecturers and persons participating in the creation and production of audio-visual works or programmes,
 - r) hosts, reporters and other persons appearing on radio, television and other programmes,
 - s) persons performing work classified by a decision of the competent public health protection authority in category three or four due to the risk factor affecting working conditions of heat stress, and also persons performing work which has not yet been categorized and for which it can be anticipated that, after categorization has been performed, they will be classified in category three or four due to the presence of a risk factor affecting working conditions of heat stress,
 - t) customers of catering establishments while consuming food and meals, including drinks, subject to the condition that the customer is sitting at a table,
 - u) persons travelling on public transport for the necessary period for the consumption of food and meals, including drinks,
 - v) the couple being married over the course of the wedding ceremony and other persons attending the ceremony, and persons declaring that they are entering into registered partnership together and other persons attending this declaration,
 - w) persons for the essential time needed to take their portrait photograph, or photographs of newlyweds, including a group photograph with household members and other direct relatives,
 - x) athletes or persons exercising:
 - during training, exercise, matches, competitions, etc. on outdoor premises,

- on indoor and outdoor premises, in the case of persons during sports activities and preparation for them conducted within competitions organised by sports associations, if they perform these sports activities as part of their employment, performance of business or other similar activity; this applies, as appropriate, to coaches and referees taking part in such activities,
 - in indoor spaces, if it concerns persons during sports activities and preparations for them as a part of competitions organized by sports associations that are not the performance of employment or business activities for them, if the athlete or athletes in the case of individual sports, or all members of a team as a part of collective sports, undergo, with a negative result, an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 or an antigen test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 antigen that is not more than 48 hours old, this does not apply in the event it concerns regular and long-term sports activity or preparation for it at least twice a week, when it is necessary to undergo regular examinations for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 or its antigen at an interval of at least once every 5 days; this applies, as appropriate, to coaches and referees participating in such activities,
- y) persons on the premises of internal artificial bathing places, such as swimming baths and pools, pools for toddlers and infants and paddling pools, spa and therapeutic pools and saunas.

II.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 8 December 2020, the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 30 November 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 15757/2020-42/MIN/KAN, is rescinded.

III.

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

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