



# RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

No. 1290 of 7 December 2020

## on the adoption of a crisis measure

In relation to Government Resolution No. 957 of 30 September 2020, whereby the Government, in line with Articles 5 and 6 of Constitutional Act No. 110/1998 Coll., on the Security of the Czech Republic, declared a state of emergency for the Czech Republic, due to the health risks related to the proven incidence of the coronavirus (identified as SARS-CoV-2) in the Czech Republic, and in line with Section 5(a) to (e) and Section 6 of Act No. 240/2000 Coll., on crisis management and amending certain acts (the Crisis Act), as amended, to address the current emergency situation, the Government has decided to adopt emergency measures, pursuant to Section 5(e) and Section 6(1)(b) of the Crisis Act.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 9 December 2020 to 11:59 p.m. of 12 December 2020, the **Government** hereby

### I. prohibits

1. mass events, unless stipulated otherwise, held for more than 10 persons inside buildings or 50 persons in outdoor spaces, with the exception of:
  - a) members of the same household,
  - b) employees performing work for the same employer,
  - c) persons conducting business or a similar activity collectively,
  - d) persons collectively performing an activity which they are obliged to conduct by law and which requires performance in a higher number of persons,
  - e) meetings, congresses and similar events held by constitutional bodies, public authorities, courts, other public-law entities and entities established by the law that are held by law,whereas the persons attending a mass event must maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from persons who are not attending this mass event,
2. as well as:
  - a) concerts and other musical, theatre, film and other artistic performances including circuses and variety shows with an audience present, where
    - i) protective respiratory equipment for performers can be taken off only in the place of performance of the production itself and only for the time of such a production,
    - ii) if a scene includes singing, the number of performers on the stage or in rehearsal is limited in such a manner that the total number of performers cannot be higher than the number of square metres of total floor area of the stage or rehearsal area divided by four,
    - iii) in the case of musicians in all instrument groups, it is necessary to comply with distancing of at least 1.2 metres and every musician playing a string instrument should use a separate music stand, if allowed by the spatial conditions,
  - b) the collective singing of more than 10 persons in the indoor space of buildings, except for their domicile, even if this involves the performance of work or business activities, unless it concerns a case in accordance with para. a) and except for preschools and children's groups;
  - c) the use of ski tows and ski lifts by the public,
3. the drinking of alcoholic beverages in publicly accessible places,

## II. restricts

1. educational events and examinations in such a manner that at one time 10 people can be present inside buildings or 50 people in external spaces and, in the event that an examination is public in accordance with a legal regulation, no more than 3 persons from the public can be present inside buildings; attendees will maintain distancing of at least 2 metres between them; no more than 4 people can sit at one table; meals and foods, including drinks, are consumed only when sitting down,
2. the operation of gaming rooms, casinos and betting shops in such a manner that their establishments are closed for customers at times between 8:00 p.m. and 5:59 a.m., no more than 1 person can be present inside a betting shop per 15 m<sup>2</sup> of indoor space and operators of gaming rooms and casinos have to comply with the following rules:
  - a) all customers must be seated so that there is a distance of at least 1.5 metres between them, except for customers sitting at one table,
  - b) there may be a maximum of 4 customers seated at one table, except for members of the same household; if the table is long, more customers may be seated at it, so that there is a distance of at least 2 metres between groups of a maximum 4 customers, except members of the same household,
3. the operation of sports facilities in such a manner that:
  - a) professional and amateur competitions organized by sports associations are held without the presence of spectators,
  - b) inside buildings (e.g. halls, playgrounds, skating rinks, courts, rings, bowling alleys, pool halls, training facilities, dance studios, gyms and fitness centres), it is only possible to perform individual sports and no more than 10 people can be present at one time, with the exception of sports activities in schools and educational facilities and at universities, where it is enabled by the crisis measures,
  - c) for the performance of sports activities and preparations for them by persons as a part of employment, the performance of business or other similar activities, as well as preparations for sports events held during competitions organised by sports associations and sports events, the following applies:
    - i) for indoor and outdoor training, 1 team or 1 group of athletes training together over the long term can train per sports ground,
    - ii) systemic measures are set for arrival at and departure from sports grounds, the use of changing rooms, showers and toilets,
  - d) for the performance of sports activities and competitions involving amateur sportsmen organised by sports associations and preparations for them, it applies that
    - i) for indoor training, 1 team or 1 group of athletes training together over the long term can train per sports ground, but no more than 10 persons,
    - ii) no more than 2 teams or 2 groups can perform sports activities outside in one sports ground,
    - iii) systemic measures are set for arrival at and departure from sports grounds, the use of changing rooms, showers and toilets,
  - e) the following applies to the performance of recreational sports
    - i) indoor sports grounds can be used by up to 10 people and there can be no more than 1 person per 15 m<sup>2</sup>,
    - ii) no more than 2 teams or 2 groups can perform sports activities outside in one sports ground,
    - iii) systemic measures are set for arrival to and departure from sports grounds, the use of changing rooms, showers and toilets,
  - f) the operation of fitness centres is enabled in their outdoor and indoor spaces provided there is compliance with distancing of at least 2 metres between persons; in indoor spaces there can be a maximum of 1 person present per 15 m<sup>2</sup> of internal space and group activities can be performed by no more than 10 persons; the operator will set out systemic measures for changing rooms, showers and toilets; individual training has to be performed with distancing of 2 metres, with the exception of distancing between a

- customer and coach,
4. the operation and use of artificial swimming areas (swimming pools, bathing pools, pools for babies and toddlers, paddling pools), wellness facilities including saunas, solariums and salt caves, if this does not involve the provision of healthcare services by a healthcare service provider, in such a manner that outdoor spaces can contain no more than 50 persons and indoor spaces can contain no more than 1 person per 15 m<sup>2</sup> of indoor space, group activities can be performed by no more than 10 persons, sauna ceremonies and the operation of steam saunas are prohibited,
  5. visits to and tours of zoological gardens and botanical gardens in such a manner that no more than 25 % of the capacity for the maximum possible number of visitors at one time can be used, indoor spaces can contain no more than 1 person per 15 m<sup>2</sup> of indoor space for the public and, in the case of group tours, groups of no more than 10 people,
  6. visits to and tours of museums, galleries and exhibition spaces in such a manner that no more than 25% of the capacity for the maximum possible number of visitors at one time can be used, and, in the case of group tours, groups of no more than 10 people,
  7. visits to and tours of castles, chateaux and similar historical and cultural buildings, observatories and planetariums in such a manner that visitors to a building can stay and move about in groups of no more than 10 persons,
  8. fairs and sales exhibitions in such a manner that it is possible to use no more than 25% of the capacity for the maximum possible number of visitors at one time, in indoor areas no more than 1 person can be present per 15 m<sup>2</sup> of indoor space intended for the public and attendees will maintain distancing of at least 2 metres between each other, with the exception of members of the same household,
  9. attendance at weddings, declarations of persons that are entering into a registered partnership, funerals and subsequent celebrations or wakes held in indoor spaces no later than the following day in such a manner that attendance at each such event is no more than 30 persons,
  10. the right to peaceful assembly pursuant to Act No. 84/1990 Coll., on the Right of Assembly, as amended, in that every participant is obliged to wear protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth) to prevent the spreading of droplets, and
    - a) assemblies, if not an assembly pursuant to letter (b), may be held outside of the indoor premises of buildings and may be attended by a maximum of 100 participants in groups of a maximum of 20 participants, maintaining a distance of at least 2 metres between the groups,
    - b) gatherings organised by a church or religious society in a church or in another room intended for religious ceremonies cannot be attended by more persons than corresponds to the occupancy of at most 30% of the seats, where the attendees, with the exception of the persons conducting or ensuring the ceremony, sit for most of the time on seats, comply, with the exception of members of the same household, with distancing of at least 2 metres between attendees sitting in one row of seats, before entering the indoor space they disinfect their hands, hands are not shaken when greeting the room and as a part of the gathering there is no mass singing,
  11. operation of catering facilities, in that their operators must observe the following rules:
    - a) a prohibition against the presence of the public in catering service establishments and sales from catering service establishments in the place of the establishment (e.g. a service hatch) in the period from 8:00 p.m. to 5:59 a.m., with the exception of those that do not serve the general public (e.g. staff catering, catering for healthcare service and social service providers, or at penal institutions),
    - b) customers are seated so that there is a distance of at least 1.5 metres between them, except for customers sitting at one table,
    - c) at one table there are no more than 4 customers, with the exception of members of the same household, in the case
      - of a longtable, it is possible to seat more customers in such a manner that between groups of no more than 4 customers, with the exception of members of the same household, there are

distances of at least 2 metres,

- d) in the case of sales from catering service establishments to a customer outside its indoor space (i.e. a service hatch), persons that, in the space near to the establishment, are consuming food and drink purchased there are obliged to comply with distancing of at least 2 metres from other persons, unless they are members of the same household,
  - e) the sale of alcoholic drinks is prohibited in the case of sales from a catering service establishment to a customer outside its indoor spaces (e.g. a service hatch),
  - f) an operator will not allow more customers than correspond to 50% of the capacity of seats for customers in the establishment's indoor space, with the exception of school catering and establishments that are not for the public (e.g. employee catering, healthcare and social service provider catering, in penal institutions); an operator is obliged to record, in writing, the total current number of seats for customers,
  - g) the option of wireless internet connection for the public will not be provided,
12. the operations of shopping centres with a sales area exceeding 5,000 m<sup>2</sup>, in that:
- a) the use of rest areas (chairs, lounges, benches, etc.) will be restricted so that people do not gather in these places,
  - b) the option of a wireless internet connection for the public will not be provided;
  - c) the operator must ensure at least one person to supervise the observance of the following rules and encourage customers and other persons to observe them,
  - d) the following instructions for customers are disclosed to customers and other persons primarily through information signs, posters, on displays, intercoms, etc.,
  - e) the operator will ensure the visible posting of instructions to maintain a distance of 2 metres between persons in the publicly accessible areas of the shopping centre (e.g. by means of infographics, commercials on the centre's radio, infographics at the entrance to stores and other facilities, infographics on the floors of public areas, etc.),
  - f) gathering of persons will be restricted, particularly in areas where this can be expected, e.g. in the underground garages, areas in front of elevators, escalators, travellers, bathrooms, etc.,
  - g) the operation of children's corners is prohibited,
  - h) the operator will ensure maximum possible air circulation with the intake of outdoor air (ventilation or air-conditioning) without air recirculation in the building,
  - i) promotional activities where there is a person present to ensure their progress are prohibited at stores,
  - j) sales from catering service establishments located in a shopping centre are only possible through a service hatch or as takeaway,
13. operation of farmer's markets and other outdoor markets and marketplaces, in that their operators must observe the following rules:
- a) a distance of at least 4 metres must be ensured between stands, tables or other points of sale,
  - b) containers with disinfectants must be placed at every point of sale,
  - c) there is a prohibition against operating catering services and selling alcoholic drinks,
  - d) there is a prohibition against tables and places to sit,
14. operation of libraries, in that operators must observe the following rules:
- a) they will not allow the presence of more than 1 customer per 15 m<sup>2</sup> of space in the part of the library that is accessible to the public,
  - b) they will actively prevent customers from coming closer than 2 metres to each other, unless these are persons from the same household;
  - c) they will ensure that library employees perform hand hygiene with increased frequency when coming into contact with books and other similar goods,
  - d) disinfectants will be placed by the entrance to the library, so that hand disinfectants are available for customers;
15. operation of hair salons, establishments for cosmetics services, massages, pedicures and manicures in such a manner that an establishment cannot contain more than 1 customer per 15 m<sup>2</sup> of the establishment's space that is accessible to the public, where children of up to 15 are not included in the number of customers, and the customers maintain distances of

at least 2 metres between themselves,

16. operations in retail establishments and the sale and provision of services in such a manner that the operator complies with the following rules:

1. they will not allow the presence of more customers than 1 customer per 15 m<sup>2</sup> of sales area in an establishment; in the case of establishments with a sales area of less than 15 m<sup>2</sup>, this restriction does not apply to a child under 15 years of age accompanying a customer or a person accompanying a customer who holds a medical disability pass; in the case of other establishments, this restriction does not apply to a child under 6 years of age accompanying a customer,
2. they will actively prevent customers from coming closer than 2 metres to each other, unless these are persons from the same household;
3. they will ensure the management of queues of waiting customers, both inside and outside the store, particularly by marking the waiting area and placing symbols indicating the minimum distance between customers (a minimum distance of 2 m), whereas a customer who holds a medical disability pass has a priority right to shop,
4. they will provide disinfectant products by frequently touched items (particularly door handles, handrails, shopping trolleys) so that these are available to employees and customers of the establishment and can be used for regular disinfection,
5. they will assure the provision of information to customers about the aforementioned rules, particularly by means of informative posters at the entrance to the establishment or by stating the rules through loudspeaker announcements in the establishment,
6. the operator will ensure maximum possible air circulation with the intake of outdoor air (ventilation or air-conditioning) without air recirculation in the building,
7. promotional activities where there is a person present to ensure their course are prohibited at stores,
8. in the case of a person pushing a pram with a child, the operator must not oblige them to use a shopping cart to shop, and the child in the pram is not included in the total number of persons permitted to be in the sales area,

whereas the sales area refers to the part of the business premises designated for the sale and displaying of goods, i.e. the total area accessible to customers, including dressing rooms, the area taken up by tills and displays, the area behind the tills used by the sales staff; the sales area does not include offices, warehouses and preparation areas, workshops, stairs, changing rooms and other social facilities;

### **III. recommends**

1. that employers
  - a) make use of remote work, if employees can perform it at their place of residence with regard to the character of work and operating conditions;
  - b) arrange the regular testing of their employees for the presence of SARS CoV-2 or its antigen,
2. maintain a distance of at least 2 metres when in contact with other persons (e.g., while shopping),
3. use cashless methods of payment as the preferred means for hygienic reasons,

**IV. appoints** the Ministry of Health to stipulate the binding hygienic-epidemiological conditions for mass events otherwise prohibited due to this crisis measure, upon the observance of which they may be held for reasons worthy of consideration, namely if these are events in the important interest of the state or important sporting matches or competitions,

**V. repeals** Government Resolution No. 1262 of 30 November 2020, promulgated under No. 498/2020 Coll.

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