



RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

of 18 March 2021, No. 298

Adopting an Emergency Measure

In connection with Government Resolution No. 196 of 26 February 2021, under which the Government, pursuant to Articles 5 and 6 of Constitutional Act No. 110/1998 Coll., on the Security of the Czech Republic, declared a state of emergency in the Czech Republic due to the threat to health in connection with the documented occurrence of the coronavirus (identified as SARS CoV-2) in the Czech Republic, and within the meaning of Section 5 (a) through (e) and Section 6 of Act No. 240/2000 Coll., on Crisis Management, and on the amendment of certain acts (the Crisis Act), as amended, in order to deal with the arising crisis, it has decided to adopt crisis measures, within the meaning of Section 5 (e) and Section 6 (1)(b) of the Crisis Act.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 22 March 2021 until 11:59 p.m. on 28 March 2021, the **government**

I. prohibits

1. retail sales and the sale and provision of services at establishments, with the exception of the following establishments:
 - a) shops selling foodstuffs;
 - b) shops selling fuel and other supplies for the operation of road transportation vehicles,
 - c) facilities selling fuel;
 - d) shops selling hygienic goods, cosmetics and other toiletries and household products;
 - e) pharmacies, dispensaries and shops selling medical devices;
 - f) shops selling animal feed and other supplies for animals;
 - g) shops selling glasses, contact lenses and related goods;
 - h) shops selling newspapers and magazines;
 - i) shops selling tobacco products;
 - j) facilities of providers of towing services and correction of vehicle defects in traffic on roads;
 - k) establishments enabling the collection of goods and shipments purchased remotely;
 - l) shops selling gardening supplies, including seeds and seedlings;
 - m) the over-the-counter sale of travel tickets;
 - n) flower shops;
 - o) establishments providing the servicing of computer and telecommunication equipment, audio and video receivers, consumer electronics, devices and other household products;
 - p) business premises offering funeral services, carrying out embalming and preservation, the incineration of human remains, including the placing of human remains into urns;
 - q) car washes without attendants,
 - r) shops selling household products and ironmongery, where household products do not include furniture, carpets and other floor coverings,
 - s) establishments enabling the collection and buyback of raw materials and composting

- yards,
- t) vehicles operated by taxi services or other individual contractual passenger transportation,
 - u) facilities at which psycho-diagnostic examinations are conducted, which are an integral part of selection procedures and a subsequent condition stipulated by legal regulations for the performance of certain activities, under the condition that the service is provided so that only one provider meets with one customer at a time, on the understanding that the sale of other goods and provision of other services is prohibited in these shops and business premises; this prohibition does not apply to activities that are not trades under the Trade Licensing Act; this prohibition also does not apply to such business premises in which, although retail sales and sales and provision of services which are not prohibited do not represent the exclusive activity in the business premises, that part of the business premises in which retail sales and sales and provision of services which are not prohibited is separated from the other parts of the business premises which customers cannot enter,
2. prohibition of the public's presence at catering establishment facilities (e.g. restaurants, pubs and bars), with the exception of:
- a) facilities which do not serve the public (e.g., employee catering facilities, catering facilities for healthcare service and social service providers, at prison facilities), on the understanding that consumption of meals is only permitted in employee catering facilities with at most 1 diner sitting at one table; if this is a long table, several diners may be seated there with distancing of at least 2 metres between diners or physical barriers being in place between diners to prevent the spread of droplets,
 - b) school catering facilities for employees present on the workplace and children, pupils and students participating in in-person learning;
 - c) facilities at accommodation establishments under the condition that they provide meals only to accommodated persons, and only between 5:00 a.m. and 8:59 p.m.; this does not affect the possibility of sales outside of the establishment providing catering services (e.g., fast food establishments with a service window or the sale of take-away food), whereas sales to customers at the location of the establishment (e.g., a service window) is prohibited between 9:00 p.m. and 4:59 a.m.,
3. as well as:
- a) concerts and other musical, theatre, film and other artistic performances, including circuses and variety shows with an audience present; these performances or rehearsals for them may only be held without an audience if performed by artists doing so within the framework of their employment or business, on the understanding that
 - 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) fairs and similar traditional events;
 - c) congresses, educational events and examinations with attendance in person, with the exception of
 - i) practical training, work experience pursuant to Act No. 95/2004 Coll., on the Conditions for Obtaining and Recognizing Professional Qualifications and Specialized Qualifications for the Medical Profession of a Doctor, Dentist and Pharmacist, as amended, or pursuant to Act no. 96/2004 Coll., On Conditions for Obtaining and Recognizing Qualifications for the Pursuit of Non-medical

Healthcare Professions and for Activities Related to the Provision of Healthcare, and on amendments to some related acts (the Act on Non-medical Healthcare Professions), as amended, and practical training for the performance of the regulated occupation of social worker pursuant to Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on Social Services, as amended,

- ii) professional education of members of the security services of the Czech Republic, municipal police officers, members of the Fire Brigade of the Czech Republic and members of fire protection units;
- iii) activities on the basis of Act No. 247/2000 Coll., on the Acquisition and Improvement of Professional Qualifications for Driving Motor Vehicles and on amendments to certain acts, as amended,

except for examinations which it is prohibited to conduct, and Act No. 266/1994 Coll., on Railways, as amended, and traffic psychology examinations in accordance with Act No. 361/2000 Coll., on Road Traffic and on the amendment of certain acts,

- iv) activities leading towards the acquisition of special professional qualifications in accordance with Section 11 of Act No. 309/2006 Coll., regulating further requirements for occupational health and safety in employment relations and on ensuring health and safety during the performance of activities or provision of services outside of employment relations (the Act on Ensuring Further Conditions for Occupational Health and Safety), as amended, and activities leading towards overcoming conditions pursuant to Section 3 (10)(d) of Decree No. 87/2000 Coll., determining conditions for fire safety during welding and the heating of resins in melting pots;

- v) other educational events and examinations in professional qualifications and other examinations, the passing of which is a condition stipulated by legal regulations to perform certain activities, courses with an accredited program pursuant to Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on Social Services, as amended, and requalification courses organized by the Labor Office of the Czech Republic or Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs pursuant to Act No. 435/2004 Coll., on Employment, as amended, directed towards acquiring professional qualifications by passing an examination pursuant to Act No. 179/2006 Coll., on the Verification and Recognition of the Results of Further Education, and the amendment on certain laws (the Act on the Recognition of Results of Further Education), as amended, provided these are not educational events and examinations which are part of education pursuant to Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on Preschool, Primary, Secondary, College and other Education (the Schools Act), as amended, or Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Universities, and on the amendment and supplementation of other acts (the Act on Universities), as amended;

the presence of more than 10 persons at any one time is prohibited, and if the examination is public pursuant to the law, no more than 3 public attendees are permitted;

- d) trade fairs;
- e) gaming rooms, casinos and betting shops;
- f) the operation and use of sports grounds in the indoor premises of buildings (e.g., gyms, playgrounds, arenas, courts, rings, bowling alleys or pool halls, training equipment) and indoor premises of outdoor sports grounds, dance studios, gyms and fitness centers, sports activities at schools and educational facilities and universities, where permitted by the Emergency Measures, and except for sports training conducted by persons as a part of their occupation, performance of business or others similar activity as preparation for sporting events held within competitions organized by sports leagues, and sporting events which are not prohibited,
- g) 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;

- h) visits to and tours of zoological gardens and botanical gardens;
 - i) visits and tours of museums, galleries, exhibition halls, castles, chateaux and similar historical and cultural facilities, observatories and planetariums;
 - j) the operation of facilities or provision of services to persons aged 6 to 18 focused on activities similar to informal education pursuant to Section 2 of Decree No. 74/2005 Coll., such as particularly informal, pedagogic, recreational or educational activities, including preparation for schooling;
 - k) the operation of ski lifts and cableways, with the exception of using cableways to ensure traffic accessibility as a part of public services, and with the exception of using ski lifts and cableways to ensure the stocking or operation of critical infrastructure or for the needs of the Integrated Rescue System units, including the Mountain Rescue Services,
 - l) the provision of child care services in children's groups, except for children's groups at healthcare facilities or social service facilities, or the provision of child social care services for the employees of such facilities,
4. the provision of short-term or recreational accommodation services, with the exception of the provision of accommodation services to:
 - a) only persons for whom this accommodation is essential to perform their employment, occupation, business or other similar activity, whereas:
 - i) each person provided with accommodation is obliged to prove this purpose before taking up accommodation by written confirmation from the employer or client,
 - ii) the operator is obliged to require proof of the purpose pursuant to point i) and keep this proof throughout the accommodated person's stay,
 - b) persons who were ordered to carry out work duties according to the Crisis Act;
 - c) foreigners, if they do not have any other place of residence in the Czech Republic and are authorised to enter and remain in the Czech Republic, in accordance with other regulations,
 - d) persons who were ordered to isolate or quarantine;
 - e) persons for the purpose of completing the provisioning of accommodation commencing before this Government Resolution came into effect; if they have no other place of residence in the Czech Republic,
 - f) persons who are accommodated for the purpose of being provided with medical services, and their required escort,
 5. the drinking of alcoholic beverages in publicly accessible places; this does not affect the possibility of drinking alcoholic beverage on the indoor premises of catering establishments;
 6. retail sales and the sales and provision of services in shops on public holidays and other holidays for the whole day and on other days from 9:00 p.m. to 4:59 a.m., where this prohibition does not apply to activities that are not trades in accordance with the Trades Licensing Act or to the operation:
 - a) of petrol stations selling fuels and lubricants;
 - b) pharmacies;
 - c) shops in places with a high concentration of passengers at airports, railway stations and bus stations,
 - d) shops at healthcare facilities;
 - e) outlets for catering services to an extent in accordance with point I/2;
 - f) vehicles operated by taxi services or other individual contractual passenger transportation,
 7. sales at markets, marketplaces, mobile facilities (sales at stands in mobile outlets and sales from other mobile facilities), travelling and house-to-house sales; the prohibition does not apply to mobile shops selling foodstuffs and drugstore products in municipalities where such goods cannot be purchased in another shop;

II. The following is restricted:

1. the operation of catering establishments, where the presence of the public in the establishment is not prohibited under point I/2, in that their operators must adhere to the following rules:
 - a) customers are seated so that there is a distance of at least 1.5 meters between them, except for customers sitting at one table;
 - b) there must be no more than 4 customers at one table, with the exception of members of the same household; if this concerns a long table, more customers may be seated at it, in such a way that there is a distance of at least 2 meters between groups of at most 4 customers, with the exception of members of the same household;
 - c) the operator must not allow a greater number of customers into the indoor premises of the establishment than the number of seats available to customers in the indoor premises of the establishment; the operator is obliged to keep a written record of the current number of seats for customers;
 - d) prohibition of live music and dance productions;
 - e) the option of a wireless internet connection for the public will not be provided;
2. the operation of catering establishments so that in the case of sales from catering establishments outside of their indoor premises (e.g. dispensing windows), the person consuming food and meals including beverages purchased here (with the exception of alcoholic beverages, the drinking of which in public is prohibited) in the immediate vicinity of the establishment are obliged to maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from other persons, if these are not members of the same household;
3. the operation of musical, dance, acting and similar social clubs and discotheques, in that the public presence at these venues is prohibited;
4. the operations of shopping centres with a sales area exceeding 5,000 m², 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 communicated 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 meters between persons in the publicly accessible areas of the shopping centre (e.g. by means of infographics, adverts on the centre's radio, infographics at the entrance to stores and other facilities, infographics on the floors of public areas, etc.);
 - f) the 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 in shops;
 - j) sales from catering service establishments located in a shopping centre are only possible through a service hatch or as takeaway;
5. the operation of libraries, in that the dispensing of other than pre-ordered loans and their

return through a dispensing window or via touchless means is prohibited; during other than the touchless handover of loans, the use of a respirator without an exhalation valve in at least class FFP2 or KN95 is recommended,

6. the operation in business premises pursuant to point I/1, the operation of which is not prohibited, with the exception of the vehicles of taxi services or other individual contractual passenger transportation, in such a way that the operator complies with the following rules:
 - a) they will not allow the presence of more than 1 customer per 15 m² of sales area in an establishment; in the case of establishments with a sales area of less than 15 m², 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,
 - b) they will actively prevent customers from coming closer than 2 meters to each other, unless these are persons from the same household,
 - c) management of queues of waiting customers must be ensured, both inside and outside the store, particularly by marking the waiting area and placing symbols indicating the minimum distance between customers (minimum distance of 2 m), whereas a customer who holds a medical disability pass has a priority right to shop;
 - d) disinfectants must be placed near frequently touched objects (especially handles, railings, shopping carts), so that they are available to employees and customers of the establishment and can be used for regular disinfection;
 - e) it must be ensured that customers are informed of the above-mentioned rules, primarily by means of information posters at the entrance and throughout the establishment, or by stating the rules through loudspeaker announcements in the establishment;
 - f) the maximum possible air circulation must be ensured with the intake of outdoor air (ventilation or air-conditioning) without air recirculation in the building;
 - g) promotional activities where there is a person present to ensure their progress are prohibited in shops;
 - h) in the case of a person pushing a pram with a child, the operator must not oblige them to use a shopping trolley 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 display of goods, i.e., the total area accessible to customers, including dressing rooms, the area taken up by tills and displays and 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,

7. the operations of providers of spa rehabilitation care in such a manner that it is possible to solely provide spa treatment rehabilitation care that is at least partially reimbursed from public health insurance;

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