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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 amendments to certain related acts, as amended, **orders** this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) 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 26 April 2021, the Extraordinary Measure of 6 April 2021 Ref. No. MZDR 14592/2021-3/MIN/KAN, as amended by the Extraordinary Measure of 12 April 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14592/2021-4/MIN/KAN and the Extraordinary Measure of 19 April 2021, Ref. No. 14592/2021-5/MIN/KAN, is amended in such a manner that in Art. I(1), second sentence, the words “, Plzeň Region” are added after the words “Hradec Králové Region”.

II.

This Extraordinary Measure shall take effect on the date of its issue.

Rationale:

The extraordinary measure cancels the testing of children for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 antigen in preschools in the Plzeň region, in which, with regard to epidemiological trends, it is not necessary to maintain restrictions on in-person preschool education.

The prior Extraordinary Measure added an exception for the Karlovy Vary and Hradec Králové Regions.

In the districts of the Plzeň Region, it is possible to observe a long-term and continual decrease not only in the number of cases of COVID-19, but also in the number of patients hospitalised, including patients in intensive care units. The overall situation in this region has stabilised over the long term, which is shown by the values of the monitored indicators used for assessing trends in the epidemic, using the 7-day incidence value, the 7-day rolling average and numbers of total hospitalisations, including the numbers of patients in intensive care units.

The 7-day incidence is just above the level of 100 cases per 100,000 people, i.e. the value is lower than the national average; the situation with the 7-day rolling average is similar. The current daily average number of newly diagnosed cases of disease in the Plzeň Region is less than 100, which ranks the Plzeň Region among those with the lowest number of new COVID-19

cases along with the Karlovy Vary and Hradec Králové Regions in terms of the number of newly detected cases. The situation concerning hospital care is also stabilised, where numbers of total hospitalisations and hospitalisations in intensive care units are the lowest since last October, which is related to the number of cases of COVID-19 found in senior citizens/vulnerable groups of people. On average, about 10 new cases per day in the 65 years and higher age group are reported in the Plzeň Region. All the parameters monitored show the overall stabilisation and current positive trends in the epidemiological situation in the Plzeň Region and for this reason it is possible to enable the presence of children in preschool facilities without an age limitation in this region.

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