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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 on the amendment of certain related acts, as amended, and Section 2(1) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., on Extraordinary Measures during the COVID-19 Disease Epidemic and on the amendment of certain related acts, **orders** this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(b) and (i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., and pursuant to Section 2(2)(b) through (e) and (i) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., in order to protect the population against the further spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 4 May 2021, the extraordinary measure of 29 April 2021 Ref. No. MZDR 14601/2021-7/MIN/KAN is amended, in that:

1. Art. I(5)(g) shall read:

- “g) 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, or the provision of similar services to children aged up to 6, including care for them, in that the public presence thereat is prohibited; this does not apply if it concerns the
- i) provision of a service at the household of the service’s user,
 - ii) the operation of facilities or provision of services in the Karlovy Vary, Hradec Králové, Liberec, Pardubice, Plzeň, Central Bohemian regions and the City of Prague, on indoor or outdoor premises with maximally 3 participants and 1 person providing the service, or
 - iii) the operation of facilities or provision of services in the Karlovy Vary, Hradec Králové, Liberec, Pardubice, Plzeň, Central Bohemian regions and the City of Prague, on outdoor premises with the presence of more persons than specified in point ii), but maximally with 20 persons in the group, whilst observing the condition that there are at least 15 m² of space per person, without the use of indoor premises (changing rooms, etc.); the entity operating the facility or organizing the provision of services keeps records of the participants for the purpose of a potential epidemiological investigation; before commencing the provision of services, the participant must:
 - 1) demonstrate that they meet all the conditions stipulated under point I/20, or
 - 2) present a confirmation from their employer demonstrating that they took an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, that the result was negative, or
 - 3) present a statutory declaration, or their legal representative’s statutory declaration, stating that they took an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at a school or school facility not more than 72 hours ago, that the result was negative, or

- 4) take an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, with a negative result, or
the entity organizing the provision of services checks that the conditions have been met and a participant that do not meet the conditions as per points 1) through 4) or a participant with a positive test result as per point 4) shall not be allowed to participate,”
2. In Art. I(14)(d)(iii), the words “or school facility” are added after the words “at the school”,
3. In Art. I(17)(e)(iii), the words “or school facility” are added after the words “at the school”,
4. in Art. I(17), a letter (f) is added which shall read:

“f) organized leisure activities for persons under 18 years of age, under the conditions set forth in point 5(g),”.

II.

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

Rationale:

Due to the current favourable epidemiological situation in the Karlovy Vary, Hradec Králové, Liberec, Pardubice, Plzeň, Central Bohemian regions and the City of Prague regarding the incidence of COVID-19, characterized by the gradual and continuous decline in all the monitored parameters, i.e. seven-day incidence values, seven-day rolling average, number of cases in the senior population group, number of hospitalizations (both total and in intensive care units), it is possible - as in the case of school facilities, educational care centers or sports training - to allow the possibility of children’s participation in extracurricular education, hobby activities and other leisure activities.

In the Karlovy Vary and Hradec Králové regions, the seven-day incidence value is around 50 cases per 100,000 inhabitants per 7 days, which is three times lower than the national average; in the Plzeň region, the seven-day incidence value is on the limit of 100 cases per 100,000 inhabitants, and in the Liberec, Pardubice, Central Bohemian regions and in the City of Prague, the seven-day incidence value is close to 100 cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

Organized activities in the area of formative, educational, hobby and other leisure activities and care for children is enabled under this regulation for groups of maximally 3 participants on both indoor and outdoor premises. The improving epidemiological situation enables the organization of these activities in smaller groups of participants without the condition of mandatory testing.

Only on outdoor premises, these activities can be organised in larger groups of over 3 participant up to a maximum capacity of 20 persons in the group. Given that the epidemiological situation is improving, it is appropriate to allow these activities in limited numbers, whilst observing other measures. Given that the participants are not always subject to mandatory testing for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or its antigen, it is essential that the participants fulfil the conditions stipulated in this extraordinary measure, i.e. demonstrate that they have the negative result of such a test. This is a legitimate requirement, the purpose of which is to reduce the risk of SARS-CoV-2 virus transmission. To fulfil this condition, it will suffice to present a negative result of an antigen test performed by the participant (or performed by another non-professional, e.g. parent) at the location before joining the group.

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