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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:

I.

1. Effective from 10 May 2021 from 12:00 a.m. until this Extraordinary Measure is rescinded, all persons are prohibited from moving around and being present without the protection of their airways (nose, mouth), which is a respirator or similar device (always without an exhalation valve) meeting at least all the technical conditions and requirements (for a product), including filtration effectiveness of at least 94% in accordance with the relevant standards (e.g. FFP2/KN 95), a medical facemask or similar device meeting, at least, all the technical conditions and requirements (for a product) of the CSN EN 14683+AC standard, which prevents the spread of droplets, specifically:
 - a) in all indoor premises of buildings, except for the home or place of accommodation (e.g. a hotel room),
 - b) in all other publicly-accessible spaces, where there are at least 2 persons present in the same place at the same time at a distance of less than 2 meters, 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 schooling, 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 meters from the pupils or students. Members and employees of the basic components of the Integrated Rescue System may, instead of the protective equipment specified in the first sentence, use a mask or half mask meeting all of the technical (product) conditions and requirements of the ČSN EN 140 +A1 standard.

2. Effective from 10 May 2021 from 12:00 a.m. until this Extraordinary Measure is rescinded, all persons are prohibited from moving around and being present without the protection of

their airways (nose, mouth), which is a respirator or similar device (always without an exhalation valve) meeting at least all the technical conditions and requirements (for a product), including filtration effectiveness of at least 94% in accordance with the relevant standards (e.g. FFP2/KN 95), which prevents the spread of droplets, specifically:

- a) in the internal spaces of buildings that serve as a:
 - i) retail outlet;
 - ii) service provision outlet;
 - iii) healthcare facility, at workplaces in which out-patient care is provided;
 - iv) social service buildings, such as weekly care centers, homes for persons with medical handicaps, homes for senior citizens and homes with a special regime, and facilities providing facilitating social services in residential form;
 - v) international airports;
 - vi) universities, schools or school facilities, with the exception of primary school pupils during education at primary school, school groups or school clubs, pupils on the lower levels of six-year and eight-year high school during education at high school, pupils of the first four years of an eight-year conservatory curriculum during education at a conservatory, and applicants for education at a secondary school during an entrance examination, if they use the protective equipment set forth in point 1,
 - vii) museums, galleries, exhibition grounds, castle, chateau or similar historical or cultural facility, observatory and planetarium or place where trade fairs or retail economic exhibitions are held,
- 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;

with the exception of children aged 2 to 15, who can wear the protective devices specified in section 1 even in such places.

Pupils or students performing practice, practical schooling or practical training on the workplaces of legal entities and natural persons, shall observe the rules applied to employees on this workplace.

3. The prohibition pursuant to paragraph 1 or 2 does not apply to:
 - a) children under two years of age;
 - b) children in kindergarten and children in a children's group;
 - 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) children in educational facilities for the performance of institutional education or protective education and schools established as a part of them and centers of educational care when providing services in the form of boarding;

- f) schools established by the Ministry of Justice;
- g) children at facilities for children requiring immediate assistance;
- h) 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;
- i) patients, if they are hospitalized in inpatient healthcare facilities or if this is necessary for the provision of healthcare services;
- j) healthcare workers for the necessary period of time, if required for the provision of healthcare services;
- k) social service users in social service buildings, such as weekly care centers, 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;
- l) other cases worthy of consideration that are stipulated by a healthcare or social service provider or attending doctor for movement and staying in healthcare facilities and social service facilities;
- m) persons while performing work on the workplace or while performing similar activities, for the period when they perform this activity in one place without the presence of other persons,
- n) persons driving public transport vehicles, who are not in direct contact with passengers during their clearance;
- o) 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;
- p) 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 programs;
- q) hosts, reporters and other persons appearing on radio, television and other programs;
- r) 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 the categorization has been performed, it will be classified in category three or four due to the presence of a risk factor affecting working conditions of heat stress;
- s) customers of catering establishments while consuming food and meals, including drinks, subject to the condition that the customer is sitting at a table;
- t) persons outside catering establishments for the necessary period for the consumption of food and meals, including drinks;
- u) a 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;
- v) persons for the essential time needed to take their portrait photograph, or photographs of newlyweds, including a group photograph with household members and other close persons;
- w) athletes or persons exercising;

- during training, exercising, a match or competition, etc., including running and cycling in outdoor areas, subject to them being at least 2 meters from other persons, unless this concerns members of the same household,
 - on indoor and outdoor premises, in the case of persons during sports activities and preparation for them conducted within competitions organized 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 activities 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;
- x) 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.
4. With effect from 12:00 a.m. of 10 May 2021 until this extraordinary measure is repealed, all employers are ordered to equip employees with the protective respiratory equipment set forth in points 1 and 2, in a sufficient number for each work shift; this does not apply if the employee does not come into contact with other persons during the period of work performance and in connection with work performance (e.g., remote work performance outside of the employer's premises).

II.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 10 May 2021, the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 27 April 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 15757/2020-49/MIN/KAN, is repealed.

III.

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

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