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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)(b) 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 12:00 a.m. on 10 May 2021, the extraordinary measure of 4 May 2021 Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-8/MIN/KAN is amended, in that:

1. the words “in all regions except for the South Bohemia, Vysočina and Zlín regions” are omitted from the first sentence of Art. I,
2. the text “20 persons” is replaced with the text “30 persons” in Art. I(5)(e) and in point 6(b),
3. the text “except for children under 6 years of age” is added after the text “participant or pupil” in Art. I(14).

II.

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

Rationale:

The further easing of operation at schools and school facilities in the Zlín, South Bohemia and Vysočina regions is also permitted by the current positive trend of the epidemiological situation in the incidence of COVID-19 in these regions, which is characterized by the gradual and continuous decline in all the monitored parameters, i.e. values of 7-day incidence, 7-day rolling average, number of cases in the senior group, number of hospitalizations, both total and in intensive care. The said regions have seen a decline of about 15 to 25% in new cases of COVID-19 disease in a weekly timeframe,

and it may be expected that the monitored parameters will continue to drop.

In connection with the improving epidemiological situation in the incidence of COVID-19, the maximum number of pupils in a group during consultations or education held on indoor premises is also increased, from 20 to 30 persons.

Based on the current evaluation of the results of preventive testing for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus or its antigen among children under the age of 6 years, and given the certain difficulties in collecting biological material from the nasopharynx among smaller children, we do not consider the further preventive testing of this group necessary in the current epidemiological situation, which is why testing as a condition for participation in schooling is being abandoned. Furthermore, children under the age of 6 will be tested only if they have symptoms of disease or in the case of high-risk epidemiological contact with a positively tested person. This change of strategy is possible given the ongoing preventive testing of employees, where it may be assumed that the majority of persons will be detected in the case of illness in the family.

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Minister of Health