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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 10 May 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, the Extraordinary Measure of 19 April 2021, Ref. No. 14592/2021-5/MIN/KAN, the Extraordinary Measure of 22 April 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14592/2021-6/MIN/KAN, and the Extraordinary Measure of 30 April 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14592/2021-8/MIN/KAN, is amended in that Art. I reads:

“I.

1. A pupil or student that is not prohibited from attending in-person schooling under another extraordinary measure, and is a pupil of a primary school, special primary school, lower levels of six-year or eight-year high school, first four years of an eight-year conservatory curriculum, field of education at a one-year practical school or two-year practical school, pupil or student participating in practical schooling or practical training at a secondary school or college, pupil of a school or student of a college that participates in group consultations or examinations at college, final examinations, school-leaving examinations or discharge examinations, will only be allowed to attend the given school in person if

- a) they do not have symptoms of COVID-19, and
- b) they have taken a non-invasive preventive antigen test for the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen at the frequency stipulated pursuant to Art. III, performed on their own or performed by another person and provided by the school (hereinafter the “preventive antigen test”), and submits the negative result of this test, unless stipulated otherwise in Art. II.

The restriction pursuant to the first sentence does not apply to pupils in primary art school, participants at leisure centers or to individual consultations and individual in-person teaching or other individual activity. The school may only conduct tests using the tests designated for self-testing or permitted for use by non-professionals by the Ministry of Health.

2. If the pupil or student with moderate or severe mental disabilities, multiple concurrent disabilities or disorders on the autism spectrum cannot undergo a preventive antigen test pursuant to paragraph 1(b) and proves these fact by means of a confirmation issued by a healthcare service provider, they will be considered a pupil or student whose school or school facility, which they attend, is closed due to an extraordinary measure during the epidemic.”

II.

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

Rationale:

The performance of preventive screening examinations for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus is an essential part of the anti-epidemic measures, the aim of this being to detect infected persons who have only minimal or no symptoms of infection yet may be a source of contagion for other persons without being aware of it.

Compared to the current text of the extraordinary measure, there is a change as concerns the testing of children attending preschool. Based on the current evaluation of the results of regular preventive testing among these children, 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 the testing of children of preschool age will be conducted only among persons with symptoms of the disease or those who have come into 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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undersigned**

Minister of Health