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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 (hereinafter “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”) 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 (hereinafter “Act No. 94/2021 Coll.”), **orders** this extraordinary measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(b) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., and pursuant to Section 2(2)(f) 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 17 May 2021 until the cancellation of this extraordinary measure, the operation of schools and educational facilities is limited so that the following is **limited**:

1. the operation of universities pursuant to Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Universities, and on the amendment and supplementation of certain other laws (the Universities Act), as amended, including foreign universities and their branches operating in the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as “universities”), in that the personal presence of students during courses and examinations, during studies at the university and for participants in lifelong education courses is prohibited; the prohibition of the personal presence of students pursuant to this point does not apply to:
 - a) participation in clinical and practical schooling and the practical training of students,
 - b) participation in individual consultations or advisory services (only one student and one academic worker or other person), and
 - c) examinations, if there is a distance of minimally 1.5 meters between individual persons,
2. the operation of universities, in that the provision of accommodation to university students who have another place of residence in the Czech Republic is prohibited at the accommodation facilities of universities, except for those students who may participate in education pursuant to point 1,
3. the operation of secondary and higher vocational schools and conservatories pursuant to Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on Preschool, Primary, Secondary, Higher Vocational and other Education (the Schools Act), as amended, and at events organized by these schools, in that the personal presence of pupils and students in secondary and higher vocational education at schools and education at conservatories is prohibited, with the exception of:
 - a) schools established alongside facilities for the performance of institutional education or protective education,
 - b) schools established by the Ministry of Justice,
 - c) the practical schooling and practical preparation of pupils and students,
 - d) pupils in the educational field of Practical One-year School and Practical Two-year School,

- e) individual consultations (only one pupil or student and one teacher),
 - f) group consultations for pupils in the last years and pupils and students in the fourth years of six-year educational programs at conservatories or pupils and students threatened by school failure in other years, with at most 6 pupils and students in one group,
 - g) conducting of final examinations, school-leaving examinations, discharge examinations and internationally recognized examinations, with the participation of at most 20 persons in the room,
 - h) the conducting of examinations at higher vocational schools with the participation of at most 10 persons in the room,
 - i) the holding of corrective and substitute examinations before a commission at secondary schools and conservatories,
 - j) pupils in the lower levels of six-year and eight-year primary schools and pupils of the first four years of eight-year conservatory curricula, under the condition that on odd weeks will not be attended by the first half of the classes and in even weeks by the other half of classes (if the number of classes is odd the number can be rounded off), whereas this condition does not apply to pupils in the Karlovy Vary, Hradec Králové, Liberec, Pardubice, Plzeň and Central Bohemia regions and in the City of Prague,
4. the personal presence of pupils in the 2nd level of primary schools pursuant to the Schools Act, in that schooling on odd weeks will not be attended by the first half of the classes and in even weeks by the other half of the classes (if the number of classes is odd the number can be rounded off); this restriction does not apply to
- a) pupils at schools in the Karlovy Vary, Hradec Králové, Liberec, Pardubice, Plzeň and Central Bohemia regions and in the City of Prague,
 - b) primary schools attached to healthcare facilities,
 - c) schools established alongside facilities for the performance of institutional education or protective education,
 - d) primary schools or classes established pursuant to Section 16(9) of the Schools Act,
 - e) individual consultations (only one pupil, one pedagogical worker and possibly a legal guardian).
 - f) group consultations for pupils in the 2nd level threatened by failure at school or pupils of the 9th grade, based on their needs evaluated by the school in the subjects required for admission examinations, with at most 6 pupils in one group,
5. the operation of primary art schools and language schools with the right to conduct state language examinations pursuant to the Schools Act and educational institutions providing one-year foreign language courses with daytime studies pursuant to Act No. 117/1995 Coll., on State Social Support, as amended, in that the personal presence of pupils or participants in basic art education at primary art schools, at foreign language courses with daily tuition at educational institutions and language tuition at language schools with the right to conduct state language examinations is prohibited, except for:
- a) state language examinations with the participation of at most 10 people in the room,
 - b) individual consultations (one pupil or participant and one teacher),
 - c) individual in-person schooling (one pupil or participant and one teacher),
 - d) at primary art schools, group consultations or schooling on indoor or
 - e) outdoor premises in groups of maximally 3 pupils per one group, at primary art schools, consultations or schooling conducted on outdoor premises, with more than 3 pupils but maximally 30 persons in one group, under the condition that there is at least 15 m² of space per person, and the conditions under point 12 are met,
6. the operation of leisure centers, in that the personal presence of children, pupils and students and other participants in this extracurricular education is prohibited, except for:
- a) consultations or schooling conducted on indoor or outdoor premises in groups of maximally 3 participants per one group,
 - b) consultations or education conducted on outdoor premises, with more than 3 participants but maximally 30 persons in one group, under the condition that there is at least 15 m² of space per person, and the conditions under point 12 are met,

7. the operation of school educational and accommodation facilities, in that the provision of accommodation is prohibited to the pupils of schools and students of higher vocational schools pursuant to the Schools Act, who have another place of residence in the Czech Republic, at school educational and accommodation facilities (youth homes, boarding schools), except for those pupils and students who can participate in education according to this extraordinary measure; school outings and field trips are prohibited,
8. the operation of schools and school facilities pursuant to the Schools Act and the operation of Universities, in that education does not include singing, except for fields of primary art education, secondary and higher vocational education and study programs at universities in which singing is a core part of the framework or accredited study program, with the personal presence of no more than 6 pupils or students in the room, if other restrictions allow the presence of this number of pupils or students,
9. the operation of schools and educational facilities pursuant to the Schools Act and the operation of universities, in that sports activities as a part of education are prohibited, except for:
 - a) nursery schools,
 - b) fields of secondary and higher vocational education and study programs at higher education institutions where sporting activity is a core part of the framework or accredited educational or study program, and
 - c) sports activities conducted on outdoor premises, if permitted by other restrictions on personal attendance at schooling,
10. the operation of nursery, primary and secondary schools, conservatories, higher vocational schools and educational facilities, in that access by third parties (except for children, pupils, students or participants and employees) to the school or educational facility premises is only possible in essential cases, in order to limit contact between third parties and persons on the school or facility premises,
11. the conducting of
 - a) admission examinations at universities, in that there must be a distance of at least 1.5 meters between the individual persons,
 - b) admission examinations for colleges, secondary schools and conservatories, in that they may be conducted only with at most 20 persons in the room, and
 - c) recognition examinations pursuant to the Schools Act, in that they may be conducted only with at most 10 persons in the room,
12. by stipulating the following conditions for participation in schooling, if required by this extraordinary measure: the participant or pupil, except for children under 6 years of age,
 - a) shall demonstrate that
 - i) they have taken an RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen with a negative result no more than 7 days ago, or
 - ii) they have taken a POC test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen with a negative result no more than 72 hours ago, or
 - iii) they have been issued a certificate by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic on vaccination against COVID-19, and at least 14 days have passed since the application of the second dose of a vaccine in the case of a two-dose scheme in accordance with the summary of product characteristics (hereinafter "SPC") or at least 14 days have passed since the application of the first dose of a vaccine in the case of a single-dose scheme in accordance with the SPC, or
 - iv) they have undergone a laboratory-confirmed instance of COVID-19, where the period of isolation in accordance with a valid extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health has ended, and no more than 90 days have passed since the first positive RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 or POC antigen test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 antigen, or
 - b) they present a statutory declaration or a statutory declaration of their legal representative 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 least in the preceding 72 hours, that the result was negative, or
- c) they 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
 - d) they 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, and that the result was negative;

a participant or pupil who does not meet these conditions will not be allowed to participate in schooling by the school or school facility.

II.

Effective from 17 May 2021, the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 4 May 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-8/MIN/KAN, as amended by the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 6 May 2021, Ref. No. 14600/2021-9/MIN/KAN, is repealed.

III.

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

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