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 referred to as “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”) and Section 2(1) of Act N. 94/2021 Coll., on Extraordinary Measures during the COVID-19 Epidemic and on the amendment of certain related laws (hereinafter “Act No. 94/2021 Coll.”) orders, 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 on the protection of the population and prevention of the danger of the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, this extraordinary measure:

I.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 24 May 2021 until the cancellation of this extraordinary measure: the operation of schools and school facilities is restricted, in that:

1) the operation of universities pursuant to Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Universities and on the amendment and supplementation of related acts (Act on Universities), as amended, including foreign universities and their branches operating in the Czech Republic (hereinafter “universities”), is restricted, in that:
   a) participation in lifelong education courses is possible under the conditions stipulated by other extraordinary measures for educational events and examination in person,
   b) during education, with the exception of clinical and practical schooling and training, and examinations of students, there must be a distance of at least 1.5 meters between individual persons,

2) the operation of secondary and higher vocational schools and conservatories pursuant to Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on Preschool, Elementary, Secondary, Higher College and other Education (the Schools Act), as amended, is restricted in that
   a) final examinations, school leaving examinations, discharge examinations and internationally recognized examinations are held with the participation of at most 50 persons in the room, and
   b) examinations at higher vocational schools are held with the participation of at most 50 persons in the room,

3) the operation of primary art schools, 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 lessons pursuant to Act No.
117/1995 Coll., on State Social Support, as amended, is restricted, in that

a) the personal presence of pupils at basic art schooling at primary art schools, who do not meet the conditions stipulated in point 10, is prohibited, with the exception of consultations or schooling for a maximum of 10 pupils,

b) the personal presence of participants in foreign language courses with daily lessons at educational institutions and language education at language schools with the right to conduct language examinations is possible, under the conditions stipulated by other extraordinary measures for educational events and examinations in person, with the exception of individual consultations or individual in-person schooling (one participant and one teacher), to which the conditions stipulated by other extraordinary measures for educational events and examinations in person do not apply,

4) the operation of leisure centres, in such a manner that the in-person presence of children, pupils and students, as well as other participants in such education, is prohibited, except for:
   a) consultations or schooling conducted on indoor or outdoor premises in groups of maximally 10 participants per group,
   b) consultations or schooling conducted with more than 10 persons, maximally with 50 persons in the group in indoor premises or 100 persons in the group on outdoor premises while fulfilling the conditions under point 10, and under the condition that other indoor premises (changing rooms, showers, etc.) than those where the given consultation or schooling is provided, are not used, and that the persons use protection of the airways (nose, mouth) throughout, that being a respirator or similar equipment (without an exhalation valve) that meets minimally all the technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including a filtration efficacy of at least 94% pursuant to the applicable standards, with the exceptions for this type of equipment stipulated by the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health, which regulates the obligation to use protection of the airways,

5) school field trips are prohibited,

6) 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, and with the exception of preschools,

7) 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) kindergartens,
   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,
   d) sports activities conducted on indoor premises, under the condition that there is at least 15 m² of indoor sports ground space per person, and that there are maximally 12 persons in the group and maximally 30 persons in total on the indoor sports grounds; the presence of children, pupils, students and other participants on the other indoor premises (changing rooms, showers, etc.) is prohibited,

8) 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 in the school or facility premises,

9) 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 50 persons in the room, and
   c) recognition examinations pursuant to the Schools Act, in that they may only be conducted with the presence of a maximum of 10 persons in the room; the conditions stipulated by other extraordinary measures for educational events and examinations in person shall not apply to participation in recognition examinations pursuant to the Schools Act,

10. 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 the “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 their own 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 non-professionals 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 non-professionals 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 non-professionals 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 12:00 a.m. on 24 May 2021, the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 14 May 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14600/2021-10/MIN/KAN, is repealed.

III.

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