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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 (i) and subsection (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in order to protect the population from the further spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2:

I.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. of 31 May 2021 until 11:59 p.m. of 30 June 2021, a school that sends a child or pupil to a school field trip for a maximum of 5 days is obliged to report this fact to the local public health protection authority based on the location of the school field trip before the event begins, with data in the scope of:

- a) date and location of the school field trip with a specification of the address,
- b) name and surname of the responsible person present during the school field trip and their telephone number.

II.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. of 31 May 2021 until 11:59 p.m. of 30 June 2021, a school that send a child or pupil on a school field trip (hereinafter the “involved school”) may only allow participation on the school field trip to a person (child, pupil, natural person engaged on the school field trip) that demonstrates by means of a written affidavit that they do not have symptoms of COVID-19 or any other infectious disease, have not come into contact with a natural person that has tested positive for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or antigen or a person with another infectious disease or suspected of infection or under quarantine, before departing for the school field trip; this affidavit must be no more than one day old; and, if it is not a preschool child,

- a) to demonstrate
 - i) the negative result of an RT-PCR test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which they took no more than 72 hours beforehand, or the
 - ii) negative result of a preventive antigen test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen, designated for self-testing or permitted by the Ministry of Health for use by non-professionals (hereinafter a “preventive antigen test”), the performance of which the involved school will ensure on the date of departure for the school field trip; or

- b) demonstrate that 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
- c) 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.

The fact that the child or pupil does not have symptoms of COVID-19 or another infectious disease and has not come into contact with a natural person that has tested positive for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or antigen or a person with another infectious disease or suspected of infection or under quarantine, is confirmed by a written affidavit by the legal guardian of the child or pupil under 18 years of age, or by the natural person empowered to do so by the legal guardian of the child or pupil under 18 years of age.

III.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 31 May 2021 until 11:59 p.m. on 30 June 2021
the involved school is obliged:

- a) to ensure for the participants on the school field trip, who demonstrated the facts under Art. I(a), the performance of an RT-PCR test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus at a frequency of once every 7 days, or a preventive antigen test at a frequency starting on the date of departure and then every 72 hours from the previous test throughout the duration of the school field trip. In the case of a positive result of the preventive antigen test performed at the school before departing for the school field trip, the involved school is obliged to ensure that the positively tested child or pupil under 18 years of age is picked up by the present legal guardian; a natural person engaged in the school field trip must leave the school immediately. The school will issue confirmation of the result of the preventive antigen test with specification of the date and time of the performed test to the positively tested natural person. Furthermore, in the case of preventive antigen testing performed at the school before departing for the school field trip, the procedure is the same as in the case of a positive preventive antigen test during the regular testing of pupils and students pursuant to the extraordinary measure regulating the testing of pupils and students,
- b) after determining a positive result of the preventive antigen test or disclosure of the positive result of an RT-PCR test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, performed at the given frequency stipulated for testing the participants on the school field trip during the course of the school field trip or in the case of illness or suspected infection of the participant on the school field trip, it will ensure the separation of this person from other persons attending the school field trip; in the case of a child or pupil under 18 years of age, to contact the legal guardian immediately to ensure their removal to a household environment; in the case of a natural person engaged in the school field trip and other adults present at the school field trip, to ensure that they leave the location immediately,
- c) after determining a positive result of the preventive antigen test or disclosure of the positive result of an RT-PCR test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in a participant on a school field trip, immediately to contact the local public health protection authority based on the location of school field trip, and provide it with a list of participants on the school field trip, including the telephone numbers of the legal guardians of children or pupils under 18 years of age or the telephone numbers of persons over 18 years of age, natural persons engaged in the school field trip and other persons present on the school field trip.

The local public health protection authority based on the location of the school field trip will decide about further procedures in accordance with the extraordinary measures of the

Ministry of Health regulating the conditions of isolation and quarantine.

IV.

1. Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 31 May 2021 until 11:59 p.m. on 30 June 2021

participants on a school field trip are ordered

- a) after determining a positive result of the preventive antigen test or disclosure of the positive result of an RT-PCR test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, or in the case of a suspected infection with COVID-19, to leave the school field trip immediately; a child or pupil under 18 years of age will be collected immediately by his/her legal guardian,
- b) after determining a positive result of the preventive antigen test or disclosure of the positive result of an RT-PCR test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, or in the case of a suspected infection with COVID-19, to contact a healthcare service provider in the field of general pediatric medicine or general medicine, who will decide on the performance of a POC antigen test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen or an RT-PCR test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including the completion of an electronic application for this examination; in the case of a child or pupil under 18 years of age, this obligation is imposed on their legal guardian.

2. As soon as the healthcare service provider in the field of general pediatric medicine or general medicine decides pursuant to clause 1(b) about the performance of a POC antigen test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen or an RT-PCR test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the participant on the school field trip is obliged to take this test; in the case of a child or pupil under 18 years of age, their legal guardian will ensure the fulfilment of this obligation.

V.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 31 May 2021 until 11:59 p.m. on 30 June 2021, the accommodation facility that ensures the accommodation of participants on the school field trip is ordered to observe the following conditions:

- a) accommodation services at the accommodation facility may be provided at one time only to the participants in the school field trip,
- b) if several groups of school field trips are accommodated, their operational separation must be ensured; during collective schooling in classrooms, surfaces must be disinfected using a product with a virucidal effect against enveloped viruses, and the premises must be ventilated before each group; separate hygienic facilities must be reserved for each group in the common areas,
- c) sinks for washing hands must be equipped with liquid soap in a dispenser and disposable paper towels or a hand dryer,
- d) disinfectant with a virucidal effect against enveloped viruses must be available at the entrance to the building, dining hall, hygienic facilities in the rooms and in the common areas,
- e) a separate area (room) must be reserved to isolate a person who is ill or suspected of infection with a contagious disease, which will be ventilated and connected to a reserved hygienic facility equipped with liquid soap in a dispenser and disinfectant for the hands with virucidal effect against enveloped viruses, disposal paper towels or a hand dryer.

VI.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 31 May 2021 until 11:59 p.m. on 30 June 2021, the catering facility which ensures meals for the participants in a school field trip is obliged to observe the following rules, in addition to the rules imposed by extraordinary measures restricting the operation of catering facilities:

- a) if providing meals to multiple groups of school field trips, to ensure the dining of individual groups at different times, and
- b) to restrict public access to the catering facility, so that no other persons are allowed to dine during the dining hours of the participants on the school field trip.

VII.

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

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