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 amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), orders this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I. Effective from 19 July 2021 until the revocation of this extraordinary measure, all organisers of mass events within the territory of the Czech Republic with the expected participation of more than 1,000 persons per day are ordered to notify the locally competent regional public health authority of the holding of such events, this being
- immediately in the case of events held until 22 July 2020, inclusive,
- at least 5 days before the date of commencement of the event in the case of events held from 23 July 2021 onwards.

Details must be provided in such a notification of the date of the event, its duration and location, the expected number of participants and the telephone number of the event organiser.

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

Rationale:

This extraordinary measure is issued in relation to the current development of the epidemiological situation in the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease within the territory of the Czech Republic and Europe, which is significantly influenced by the spread of the Delta variant which is characterised by being more contagious.
The subject of the measure is to obtain the necessary information about mass events with more than 1,000 expected attendees per day in order to allow public health protection authorities to evaluate the risk relating to the incidence of the COVID-19 disease. Mass events pose a higher risk of contagion of the disease due to the high accumulation of people within a restricted space at any one moment in time.

The specified measure is focused under the current epidemiological situation on the holding of organised mass events with more than 1,000 expected attendees per day, which at the time of issuance of this measure may be concerts and other musical, theatre, film and other artistic performances, including circuses and variety shows, sports events, matches, races, etc., as well as congresses and educational events, etc. This concerns mass events at which gatherings of more than 1,000 people in any one place is permitted under the current epidemiological situation by other extraordinary measures of the Ministry of Health subject to the fulfilment of other anti-epidemiological measures.

Subject to the favourable development of the epidemiological situation, an increase in the permitted capacity of persons can also be expected for other organised public and private mass events where there is an accumulation of people in one place. This in particular refers to specific club, sporting and cultural events, as well as dance, traditional and other similar events and other gatherings, festivals, pilgrimages, shows, tastings and celebrations. In the event of any change to the extraordinary measure regulating these organised mass events, this emergency measure will of course also apply to them.

This measure is one of the basic tools for monitoring potentially risky areas, which mass events by their nature represent, i.e. in particular due to the higher accumulation of people in any one place at any one time, this being in terms of risk assessment.

The immediate implementation of this measure is required for the adequate evaluation of the risk in view of the current adverse trend in the number of newly diagnosed cases among teenagers and young people.

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