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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 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.

1. Effective from 12:00 a.m. of 25 October 2021 until this Extraordinary Measure is rescinded, all persons are prohibited from moving around and being present without the protection of their airways (nose, mouth), which is a respirator or similar device (always without an exhalation valve) meeting at least all the technical conditions and requirements (for a product), including filtration effectiveness of at least 94% in accordance with the relevant standards (e.g. FFP2/KN 95), which prevents the spread of droplets, specifically:
 - a) in the internal spaces of buildings that serve as a:
 - i) retail outlet;
 - ii) service provision outlet;
 - iii) healthcare facility;
 - iv) social service buildings, such as weekly care centers, homes for persons with medical handicaps, homes for senior citizens and homes with a special regime, and facilities providing facilitating social services in residential form;
 - v) international airports;
 - vi) universities, schools or school facilities, with the exception of primary school pupils during education at primary school, school groups or school clubs, pupils on the lower levels of six-year and eight-year high school during education at high school, pupils of the first four years of an eight-year conservatory curriculum during education at a conservatory, and applicants for education at a secondary school during an entrance examination, if they use the protective equipment set forth in point 2,
 - vii) museums, galleries, exhibition grounds, publicly accessible historical or cultural monuments (castles, chateaux or similar historical monuments, etc.), observatories and planetariums or places where trade fairs or retail economic exhibitions are held,

- viii) gambling halls, casinos, music, dance, gaming and similar social clubs or discotheques,
- b) in all other indoor premises of buildings not specified in point 2(a), except for the place of residence or accommodation (e.g. hotel room), where there are at least 2 persons present in the same place at the same time at a distance of less than 1.5 meters, unless these are exclusively members of one household.
- c) in means of public transit, including vehicular transit for third party use, the subject of which is passenger transport (in particular taxi service),
- d) as concerns attendees at concerts and other musical, theatre, film or other artistic performances, circuses and variety shows and sports matches,
- e) during participation at congresses, educational events and examinations in person,
- f) during participation at public or private events, including assemblies pursuant to Act No. 84/1990 Coll., on the Right of Assembly, as amended, during which multiple persons gather in one place, unless these are members of one household; this applies to outdoor premises in cases when the event is attended by 30 or more people, where they do not maintain a distance of 1.5 meters,

with the exception of children under 15 years of age, who may also wear different types of protective equipment at these places, such as a medical face mask or similar device meeting at least all the technical conditions and requirements (for a product) under ČSN EN 14683+AC, which prevents the spread of droplets (hereinafter a “face mask”) unless they are subject to the exception under point 2. In exceptional cases, when it is necessary for the child, pupil or student to see the teacher’s mouth during schooling, it is possible for the teacher to use a protective shield as protective respiratory equipment, under the condition that they maintain a distance of at least 1.5 meters from the children, pupils or students. Pupils or students performing practice, practical schooling or practical training on the workplaces of legal entities and natural persons, shall observe the rules applied to employees on this workplace.

- 2. The prohibition pursuant to paragraph 1 does not apply to:
 - a) children that have not yet commenced mandatory school attendance; this does not apply to children in preparatory classes of primary school and children in the preparatory level of special primary school,
 - b) children, pupils, students and teaching staff in accordance with the Education Act and students and academic staff in accordance with Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on the Amendment and Supplementation of Certain other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended, within the framework of educational activities, the nature of which makes wearing of protective equipment impossible (in particular physical education, singing and playing wind instruments),
 - c) children in preparatory classes of primary school, children in the preparatory level of special primary school, pupils and students during schooling who are seated at a desk or otherwise seated,
 - d) teachers or academic workers during the provision of education
 - e) examined persons and examiners at school or university, if all the persons maintain a distance of at least 1.5 meters,
 - f) accommodated children, pupils or students while staying in the room (i.e., outside of the common areas) at the boarding school or children’s home or during school field trips;
 - g) children in educational facilities for the performance of institutional education or

- protective education and schools established as a part of them and centers of educational care when providing services in the form of boarding;
- h) schools established by the Ministry of Justice;
 - i) children at facilities for children requiring immediate assistance;
 - j) persons with intellectual disorders, disorders on the autistic spectrum and cognitive disorders or severe alterations of their mental state, whose mental capacity or current mental state does not allow them to observe this prohibition;
 - k) patients, if they are hospitalized in inpatient healthcare facilities or if this is necessary for the provision of healthcare services;
 - l) healthcare workers for the necessary period of time, if required for the provision of healthcare services;
 - m) social service users in social service buildings, such as weekly care centers, homes for persons with a medical handicap, homes for senior citizens and homes with a special regime, and in facilities providing facilitating social services in residential form;
 - n) other cases worthy of consideration that are stipulated by a healthcare or social service provider or attending doctor for movement and staying in healthcare facilities and social service facilities;
 - o) persons during the performance of work at the workplace or while performing another similar activity for the period of time over which they perform this activity in one place without the presence of other persons, unless determined otherwise by the employer on the basis of adopted and implemented hygiene, technical, organizational and other measures for the prevention of risks,
 - p) persons driving public transport vehicles, who are not in direct contact with passengers during their clearance;
 - q) judges, lay assessors, public prosecutors, accused persons and their defense counsel, parties to civil, administrative and constitutional court proceedings and their representatives, witnesses, experts, interpreters and other persons on which a court decides, in the place and at the time of the court proceedings;
 - r) persons performing copyrighted works (e.g. theatre, dance or musical performances), lecturers and persons participating in the creation and production of audio-visual works or programs;
 - s) hosts, reporters and other persons appearing on radio, television and other programs;
 - t) persons performing work classified by a decision of the competent public health protection authority in category three or four due to the risk factor affecting working conditions of heat stress, and also persons performing work which has not yet been categorized and for which it can be anticipated that, after the categorization has been performed, it will be classified in category three or four due to the presence of a risk factor affecting working conditions of heat stress;
 - u) customers of catering establishments while consuming food and meals, including drinks, subject to the condition that the customer is sitting at a table;
 - v) persons outside catering establishments for the necessary period for the consumption of food and meals, including drinks;
 - w) a couple being married over the course of the wedding ceremony and other persons attending the ceremony, and persons declaring that they are entering into registered partnership together and other persons attending this declaration;
 - x) persons for the essential time needed to take their portrait photograph, or photographs

- of newlyweds, including a group photograph with household members and other direct relatives, and other close persons and persons for the period of time required to take photographs during photography sessions organized by the school or school facility,
- y) athletes or persons exercising during training, exercise, matches, competitions, etc., including running and cycling, and to trainers, other team members within the framework of collective sports, and referees during participation in sporting activities or training conducted within competitions organized by sports unions or umbrella sports organizations,
 - z) persons on the premises of artificial swimming areas, swimming pools, bathing pools, pools for infants and toddlers and paddling pools, spa and therapeutic pools, saunas, wellness facilities and salt caves,
 - aa) persons for the period of time necessary to provide services which are provided to the person in the area of their head and neck and where use of protective equipment would prevent the provision of this service, such as barber shops, hairdressing salons, solariums, cosmetic, massage and similar regenerative or reconditioning services or other similar services during which skin integrity is breached,
 - bb) persons during the organized activity of choirs, and only at the place of actual performance of the activity (singing) and during this activity,
 - cc) persons participating in rehabilitation events or other similar events, both residential and non-residential, events or persons under 18 years of age when staying in and moving about the indoor and outdoor venue of the event (e.g. campground) and in nature, if no other mass event is held concurrently in the same place,
 - dd) members and employees of the basic components of the Integrated Rescue System, if they use a mask or half mask meeting all of the technical (product) conditions and requirements of the ČSN EN 140 +A1 standard,
 - ee) persons who are unable for serious medical reasons to wear a respirator or face mask, and who are able to prove this fact by a medical certificate; however, such persons shall be required to wear other respiratory protective equipment pursuant to this measure, which is specified in the medical certificate, except where the medical certificate specifically states that the person concerned cannot wear any respiratory protective equipment,
3. Effective from 12:00 a.m. of 25 October 2021 until this Extraordinary Measure is repealed, all employers are ordered to equip employees with respirators, in a sufficient number for each work shift; this does not apply if the employee does not come into contact with other persons during the period of work performance and in connection with work performance (e.g., remote work performance outside of the employer's premises).
 4. Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 25 October 2021 until this extraordinary measure is rescinded, all health service providers are directed to only issue a certificate under paragraph 2(ee) to persons who are prevented from using respiratory protective equipment pursuant to this measure for serious medical reasons, and are further directed to make a record of that fact and the reasons for it, including the diagnosis, in the person's medical records, including that the natural person has been advised of the risks associated with not using respiratory protective equipment pursuant to this measure.

II.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. of 25 October 2021, this Extraordinary Measure cancels the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 30 July 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 15757/2020-56/MIN/KAN, and the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 27 August 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 15757/2020-58/MIN/KAN.

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Minister of Health