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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 the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

### **I.**

1. Effective from **12.00 a.m. on 13 October 2020** until the cancellation of this Extraordinary Measure, all persons are prohibited from moving about and staying without protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth), such as a respirator, face mask, cloth, scarf, shawl or other device to prevent the spread of droplets:
  - a) in all indoor premises of buildings, except for the home or place of accommodation (e.g. a hotel room),
  - b) in means of public transport,  
on the platforms, shelters and waiting rooms of public transport.
  
1. The prohibition pursuant to paragraph 1 does not apply to:
  - a) children under two years of age,
  - b) children and teaching staff at nursery schools and children and parents caring for them in children’s groups,
  - c) pupils and teaching staff in stage 1 of primary schools in the buildings of schools and educational facilities pursuant to Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on Pre-school, Primary, Secondary, Further Vocational and other Education (the Education Act), as amended, outside of their common areas,
  - d) 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 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),
  - e) boarding school houses and children’s homes, as far as concerns employees or accommodated children, pupils or students,
  - f) educational facilities for the performance of institutional education or protective education and schools established as a part of them and centres of educational care when providing services as boarding schools,
  - g) schools established by the Ministry of Justice;
  - h) pupils, students and teaching staff at schools established under Section 16(9) of the Education Act,
  - i) employees and 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 hospitalised 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 centres, 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) employees and persons in a similar position, including officials, for the period when they perform work in one place, if such a person works at a distance of at least 2 meters from other persons,
- p) persons driving public transit vehicles, who are not in direct contact with passengers during their clearance,
- q) judges, lay assessors, public prosecutors, accused persons and their defence 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 programmes,
- s) hosts, reporters and other persons appearing on radio, television and other programmes,
- 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 categorised and for which it can be anticipated that, after categorization has been performed, they 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 travelling on public transport for the necessary period for the consumption of food and meals, including drinks,
- w) the 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,
- y) athletes or exercising persons during training sessions, exercising, games, competitions, etc.,
- z) persons on the premises of internal artificial bathing places, such as swimming baths and pools, pools for toddlers and infants and paddling pools, spa and therapeutic pools and saunas.

## II.

Effective from 00:00 a.m. on 13 October 2020, the Extraordinary Measure of 17 September 2020 Ref. No. MZDR 15757/2020-35/MIN/KAN is repealed

## III.

This Extraordinary Measure shall take effect on the date of its issue.

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Health Minister

*Signed electronically*