



EMERGENCY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health as the administrative authority competent under Section 80 (1) g) of Act 258/2000 Coll., on the protection of public health and amending certain related acts, as amended ("Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), hereby orders, in accordance with the procedure pursuant to Section 69 (1) i) and (2) of Act no. 258/2000 Coll., on the protection of the populace, and the prevention of the risk of developing and spreading COVID-19 caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, the following emergency measure:

I.

1. **It is forbidden for pupils and students to be personally present at primary, secondary and higher vocational education in schools and educational facilities under Act no. 561/2004 Coll., on pre-school, primary, secondary, higher vocational and other education (the Education Act), as amended, and at events organised by those schools.**
2. **It is forbidden for students to be personally present at classes and examinations during their studies at higher education institutions under Act no. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education, and amending and supplementing other acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended. The prohibition on the personal presence of students under the first clause does not apply to individual visits to libraries and study rooms for the collection or delivery of study literature and to the personal presence of students in the final year of study:**
 - **to consultation or examination in the presence of not more than five persons,**
 - **to laboratory, experimental or artistic work, in particular for the implementation of final theses within the framework of study in a bachelor's, master's or doctoral study programme in the presence of no more than five persons,**
 - **to clinical and practical teaching and praxis.**

Students are permitted to participate in the aforementioned forms of teaching, examination or other activities at a higher education institution only if the following conditions are met:

- **the student is free of acute health problems corresponding to a viral infectious disease (e.g. fever, cough, shortness of breath, sudden loss of taste and smell, etc.),**
- **the student performs hand disinfection at the entrance to the examination room, whereby the disinfectant is provided by the higher education institution,**
- **the student has not been ordered into quarantine measure at the time in question,**
- **the student provides a written affidavit on the absence of symptoms of viral infectious disease within the previous two weeks.**

3. It is forbidden for pupils to be personally present in primary art education in a primary art school and in language education in language schools with the right to hold state examinations under Act no. 561/2004 Coll., on pre-school, primary, secondary, higher vocational and other education (the Education Act), as amended, and at events organised by those schools.
4. It is forbidden for persons to be personally present at one-year courses in foreign languages with full-time tuition in institutions registered in the list of educational institutions providing one-year foreign language courses with full-time tuition under Act no. 117/1995 Coll., on state social support, as amended.
5. It is forbidden for children, pupils, students and other participants to be personally present at non-formal education in non-formal education establishments, and at competitions and shows organised for children, pupils and students of schools and school facilities under Act no. 561/2004 Coll., on pre-school, primary, secondary, higher vocational and other education (the Education Act), as amended.
6. This emergency measure shall be issued with effect from 0:00 (midnight) on 20 April 2020.

II.

This emergency measure shall come into effect on the day of its issue.

Reasoning:

This emergency measure has been issued in connection with the development of the epidemiological situation in the incidence of COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in Europe.

Given the current spread of COVID-19 in the Czech Republic, as in most of the countries of the world, it is essential to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, which the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

Since 1 March 2020, when COVID-19 was first diagnosed in a patient in the Czech Republic, the number of cases has risen to 5,991 (as of 12 April 2020). The daily increase in the number of patients newly diagnosed with COVID-19 has oscillated around 200 in recent days.

This measure is one of the important prerequisites for preventing the spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic. The coronavirus is transmitted from person to person following close contact. It is a so-called droplet infection that is transmitted by air. It most often affects the mucous membranes of the upper and lower airways and conjunctiva. The incubation period is approximately two to fourteen days. The most common routes by which viruses enter the human body are the mucous membranes, that is, the mouth, nose and eyes. These sites are an open gateway to the virus.

The objective of this measure is to cancel in-person study at all types of schools in order to avoid contact with other persons so as to restrict, as far as possible, the community transmission of COVID-19. However, as the outbreak of the epidemic progresses, it is appropriate to allow some parts of higher education to be resumed, particularly in the case of students in their final year.

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