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## EMERGENCY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health as the administrative authority competent under Section 80 (1) g) of Act no. 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 under Section 69 (1) i) 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. **The free movement of persons throughout the Czech Republic is prohibited except for:**
  - a) **journeys to work and for the performance of business or other similar activities,**
  - b) **essential journeys to family or loved ones,**
  - c) **journeys essential for the provision of the basic necessities of life (e.g. the purchase of food, medicines and medical devices, sanitary goods, cosmetics and other pharmaceutical goods, feed and other necessities for animals), including the needs of relatives and loved ones, childcare, care for animals, use of essential financial and postal services, acquisition of fuel, waste disposal,**
  - d) **journeys that are essential in order to meet the needs and services referred to in point (c) for another person (e.g. volunteering, neighbourhood assistance),**
  - e) **travel to health and social care facilities, including the provision of essential accompaniment for relatives and loved ones, and veterinary care facilities,**
  - f) **journeys to deal with urgent official matters, including the provision of essential accompaniment for relatives and loved ones,**
  - g) **the pursuit of the occupation or activities that help to provide**
    1. **security, internal order and crisis management,**
    2. **protection of health, provision of health or social care, including volunteering,**

3. individual spiritual care and services,
  4. public transport and other infrastructure,
  5. services to the populace, including supply and distribution services,
  6. veterinary care,
  - h) time spent in the countryside or parks,
  - i) funerals,
  - j) journeys for teaching and examinations or other activities at a higher education institution for which an exemption from emergency measures of the Ministry of Health has been granted,
  - k) journeys back to one's place of residence.
2. The following is ordered:
- a) persons resident on the territory of the Czech Republic must restrict their movement in publicly accessible places to the necessary time and to remain in their place of residence, except in the cases referred to in point 1. a) to k),
  - b) contacts with other persons must be limited to the necessary extent,
  - c) a maximum of two persons are permitted in publicly accessible places, with the exception of members of shared households, those performing a professional activity, business or other similar activities, and attendance at a funeral. If possible, a distance of at least 2 metres must be maintained when in contact with other persons, with the exception of members of one's household,
  - d) food, including beverages, may be consumed in public at the point of sale only in cases of essential refreshment and the food is intended for immediate consumption. In such cases, a distance of at least 10 metres must be maintained from the shop or dispensing point for the purpose of consumption.
3. The prohibition on the free movement of persons referred to in point 1 shall not apply to outdoor sports, parks, the countryside and other publicly accessible places, subject to the following conditions:
- respiratory protective devices (covering the nose and mouth) must be worn in order to prevent the spread of droplets, with the exception of outdoor sports grounds where those participating in sports and/or groups of people jointly engaged in sports are separated from others by a physical barrier (e.g. a wall or fence) or a distance of at least two metres,
  - only two people are engaged in sports together, with the exception of members of a shared household, or participants maintain a distance of at least two metres from other people,
  - the associated indoor areas of the sports ground, in particular the common changing rooms, washrooms, showers and similar facilities, in which the above conditions would not be fulfilled, are not be used, with the exception of the use of toilets, provided that several people do not meet in interior areas; however,

in such cases it is necessary to ensure the implementation of enhanced sanitary measures, in particular disinfection of the hands, but also of places that are normally touched by the hands, including journeys for the purpose of participating in such sport.

4. The prohibition on the free movement of persons referred to in point 1 shall not apply to participation in the training of athletes for whom sport is a gainful activity. Such training must comply with the following rules:
  - training shall take place in an outdoor sports venue without the presence of the public,
  - groups of athletes who are training at the same time at a sports venue must not exceed eight persons at the same time, as well as essential members of the technical team,
  - a minimum distance of 2 metres is maintained between athletes and other persons,
  - athletes are not obliged to wear respiratory protective devices (covering the nose and mouth) to prevent the spread of droplets during training,
  - no contact or combative exercises are performed,
  - a container of disinfectant for the disinfecting of hands must be available at the sports venue,
  - the associated indoor areas of the sports ground, in particular the common changing rooms, washrooms, showers and similar facilities must not be used, with the exception of the use of toilets, provided that several people do not meet in interior areas; however, in such cases it is necessary to ensure the implementation of enhanced sanitary measures, in particular disinfection of the hands, but also of places that are normally touched by the hands,
  - after the end of training, all training aids used must be disinfected on a regular basis.
5. The prohibition on the free movement of persons under point 1 shall not apply to participation in a marriage ceremony for the engaged couple, their two witnesses, the person acting on behalf of the public authority or person acting on behalf of the authorised church, the registrar and a maximum of four others, including the journey to the marriage ceremony; during the marriage ceremony, the engaged couple is not obliged to wear respiratory protective devices (covering the nose and mouth) to prevent the spread of droplets. Participants in the marriage ceremony shall maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from other persons, with the exception of members of their household and of the engaged couple. After the marriage ceremony, all aids used must be disinfected. The first to third clauses shall apply mutatis mutandis in the case of declarations of persons entering into a registered partnership.
6. This emergency measure shall be issued with effect from 0:00 (midnight) on 20 April 2020.

## II.

With effect from 0.00 (midnight) 20 April 2020 the emergency measure of 10 April 2020 ref. no. MZDR 15190/2020-5/MIN/KAN shall be repealed.

**III.**

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

## **Reasoning:**

This emergency measure has been issued in connection with the unfavourable 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 restrict the free movement of persons and contacts with other persons in order to prevent the community-based transmission of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible.

In order to allow certain individual activities within the framework of higher education study (in particular consultations and examinations), an exemption is granted for journeys for the purpose of personal presence at these permitted forms of higher education studies.

In the case of outdoor sports facilities, it is expressly permitted to use a toilet located in the indoor areas of the sports venue, but precautions should be taken to avoid contact with persons. Enhanced disinfection of these areas must also be introduced.

An exemption is granted for the training of professional athletes, who are allowed to train together in small groups, even without a mask. However, other enhanced hygiene measures must be complied with.

An exemption is granted for the holding of ceremonies with a maximum of ten persons.

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