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PROTECTIVE MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority, pursuant to Section 80(1)(h) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Public Health Protection and amendments to certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”), **orders** this Safety Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 68(1) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in order to liquidate the risk of the occurrence of the COVID-2 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 26 May 2020, it

I. orders

1. the prohibition of entry into the Czech Republic for all foreigners who did not have temporary residence in the Czech Republic as at 12 March 2020 for more than 90 days or permanent residence; this does not apply:
 - a) to family members pursuant to Section 15a(1) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residency of Foreigners in the Czech Republic and on the amendment of certain laws, as amended, citizens of the Czech Republic or citizens of the European Union with a domicile in the Czech Republic,
 - b) to citizens of the European Union and foreigners with residency permits in the European Union who are transiting across the Czech Republic in order to travel home, and have a note issued by the diplomatic mission for this purpose (transit and repatriation),
 - c) if the entry of these foreigners is in the interest of the Czech Republic,
 - d) to cross-border workers, pupils and students who regularly and repeatedly cross the state border of the Czech Republic and a neighboring country for the purpose of work or education in the Czech Republic, and who submit medical confirmation on having passed a test under the conditions set forth in paragraph 9,
 - e) to workers in international forwarding,
 - f) to workers in critical infrastructure servicing,
 - g) diplomats and officials of international organizations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
 - h) in urgent extraordinary situations,
 - i) to citizens of the European Union and citizens that have been granted the position of long-term residency in another European Union member state, who enter the Czech Republic for more than 72 hours for the purpose of performing economic activity or visiting a person with whom they have provable family relationships, including permanent partnership, if they prove the address at which they will be staying and submit medical confirmation of taking a test pursuant to paragraph III/1;

- j) to citizens of the European Union who enter the Czech Republic for the purpose of performing economic activity or university study, provided they submit medical confirmation of taking a test pursuant to paragraph III/1,
- k) to workers in food production, who were issued a visa valid from 11 May 2020, and to seasonal workers if they submit confirmation of taking a test pursuant to paragraph III/2,
- l) essential and scientific workers who were issued a visa which became valid from II. May 2020, and their family members accompanying them, who were issued a visa from 11 May 2020, provided they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/2,
- m) healthcare and social service workers who were issued a visa with validity starting from 11 May 2020, and their family members accompanying them who were issued a visa from 11 May 2020, provided they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/2,
- n) holders of a long-term visa for the purpose of collecting their residency permit, provided they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/2,
- o) spouses and minor children of foreigners with permitted long-term or permanent residence in the Czech Republic, who were issued a long-term visa, provided they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/2.

if the reason for entry is substantiated by the appropriate document;

2. all the persons who enter the Czech Republic pursuant to paragraphs 1(a) through (h) shall report this fact to the regional public health authority based on their place of residence or reported dwelling via telephone or other means of remote access immediately after entering the Czech Republic; this does not apply to the persons specified in paragraph 1
 - a) (a), if they submit confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/1; family members who were issued a short-term visa will submit a confirmation pursuant to paragraph III/2
 - b) (b) and (h), if the duration of their stay in the Czech Republic is no more than 24 hours or if they submit medical confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III. /1
 - c) (c), (e), (f) and (g), if the duration of their stay in the Czech Republic is no more than 14 days or if they submit medical confirmation of having passed a test pursuant to paragraph III/1,
 - d) (d), if they submit medical confirmation of taking a test which meets the conditions specified in paragraph 9; this confirmation need not be submitted by employees of healthcare and social services, basic integrated rescue system components, or workers of critical infrastructure entities, if the duration of their stay in the Czech Republic is no more than 14 days; this confirmation of taking a test also need not be submitted by farmers working immediately over the border, foresters, hunters and fisherman when performing work immediately over the border, if the duration of their stay in the Czech Republic is no more than 24 hours,
3. all citizens of the Czech Republic and foreigners with temporary residence for over 90 days or permanent residence in the Czech Republic, who do not submit medical confirmation of passing a test pursuant to paragraph III/1 when entering the Czech Republic, shall report this fact to the regional hygienic station based on their place of residence or reported dwelling via telephone or other means of remote access immediately after entering the Czech Republic; this does not apply to the persons who prove by means of the appropriate document that
 - a) they regularly cross the state border for the purpose of work or education, if they submit a medical confirmation of having passed a test which meets the conditions specified in paragraph 9; this confirmation need not be submitted by employees of healthcare and social services, basic integrated rescue system components, or workers of critical infrastructure entities who submit a letter from the diplomatic mission of the target country that these are healthcare, social services, basic integrated rescue system components or critical infrastructure entities, and if measures were adopted at the place of work to prevent the spread of the SARS CoV-2 coronavirus, in particular the obligation to wear protective respiratory equipment, if the period of travel abroad was no more than 14 days,
 - b) they travelled abroad in an urgent extraordinary situation, if the period of travel abroad was no more than 24 hours,

- c) if they travelled abroad as employees in international transport, as employees of critical infrastructure maintenance, diplomats or officials of international organizations, provided the period of travel abroad was no more than 14 days; critical infrastructure maintenance abroad for these purposes must include a note from the diplomatic mission in the target country,
 - d) they work as farmers in the immediate border area, or as forest wardens, hunters and fisherman working in the immediate border area, provided the period of travel abroad was no more than 24 hours,
 - e) they travelled abroad for the purpose of performing economic activity, if the period of travel abroad was no more than 72 hours and they are not cross-border workers pursuant to letter (a);
4. regional public health authorities, to impose the necessary quarantine measures on persons who report their entry into the Czech Republic pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3, and do not submit confirmation of having taken a test pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 to the locally competent regional public health authority even within 72 hours of entering the Czech Republic, and if the test proved the presence of SARS CoV-2, to decide about isolation pursuant to Section 64(1) in conjunction with Section 2(6) and (7) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on the Protection of Public Health and on the amendment of certain related laws, as amended;
5. all persons who report entry to the Czech Republic pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3, to undergo a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 immediately and to submit confirmation of having taken this test to the locally competent regional public health authority pursuant to paragraph III/1 at latest within 72 hours from entering the Czech Republic, unless the public health protection authorities decided on other quarantine measures pursuant to Act No. 258/2000 Coll. and the duration of these measures in the individual cases of persons in the category of interest of the Czech Republic, critical infrastructure maintenance, diplomats and officials of international organizations, or urgent extraordinary situations; if the person does not submit medical confirmation of taking a test pursuant to paragraph III/1, the regional public health authority will proceed pursuant to paragraph 4;
6. all persons who entered the Czech Republic from 12:00 a.m. on 26 May 2020,
 - a) to report the incidence of any symptoms of an early infectious disease (in particular elevated temperature, cough, shortness of breath, digestive problems, loss of smell, overall weakness or other symptoms) immediately, via telephone or any other means of remote access, to the healthcare provider with whom they are registered in the discipline of general medicine or general pediatric medicine or, if they are not registered with any provider, to any provider in the discipline of general medicine or general pediatric medicine,
 - b) to undergo examinations for symptoms of infectious disease when crossing the state border, and if the symptoms of an infectious disease are detected, to provide the necessary cooperation to healthcare workers in conducting the taking of a biological sample in order to determine the presence of the COVID-19 disease;
7. all entities who hire foreigners for the purpose of economic activity pursuant to the exception under paragraph I/1(j) through (n) will ensure for these foreigners
 - a) accommodation for the entire duration of their stay in the Czech Republic,
 - b) medical care or a registered healthcare services provider for the entire duration of their stay in the Czech Republic, including payment for medical care, if not arranged otherwise,
 - c) their transport from the state border to the place of accommodation and for a period of 14 days from entry into the Czech Republic, transport between the place of accommodation and workplace, whereas the foreigner cannot use public transit to travel to and from work,
 - d) return to their country of origin if they lose their employment in the Czech Republic;
8. that all the persons under paragraph I/1(j) through (n), whose entry is considered essential, may exceptionally be allowed to enter the Czech Republic even without submitting confirmation of taking the test; this necessity is confirmed by the minister responsible for the given sector; these persons are obliged to take the RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-1 within 2 hours of entering the Czech Republic and must submit confirmation of having taken the test pursuant to paragraph III/72 to the locally competent regional public health authority;

9. cross-border workers, pupils and students who submit confirmation of having taken a test upon crossing the state border, to submit confirmation of having taken a test pursuant to paragraph III/1 when crossing the state border to the Czech Republic for the first time, if these are persons pursuant to paragraph I/3(a), or during such crossing of the state border into the Czech Republic which occurs within 72 hours of the first crossing, if these are persons pursuant to paragraph I/1(d), and subsequently during every next crossing of the state border to the Czech Republic which occurs after 30 days after submitting medical confirmation of having taken a test pursuant to paragraph III/1, to submit medical confirmation of having taken a test pursuant to paragraph III/1 which is no more than 4 days old;
10. suspension of the acceptance of applications for visas and temporary and permanent residence at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic, with the exception of applications for:
 - a) short-term visas, if the purpose of the stay is specified in paragraph I(a), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (k) and (m),
 - b) long-term visas for the purpose of seasonal employment,
 - c) extraordinary work visas,
 - d) temporary residence if filed by foreigners included in the government Program for key and scientific workers,
 - e) temporary residence filed by foreigners included in the government Program of qualified employees, if they perform healthcare professions or work in social services,
 - f) temporary residence filed by citizens included in the government Program for highly qualified workers,
 - g) long-term residence permits for the purpose of scientific research and applications for residence permits for over 90 days for the spouses and minor children of scientific workers,
 - h) long-term visas and long-term residency permits for the purpose of study,
 - i) long-term or permanent residence permits for the purpose of joint family cohabitation in the country and applications for long-term visas for family purposes, in the case of spouses or minor children of a foreigner with a long-term or permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic,
 - j) issuing of long-term visas for the purpose of taking over a residence permit in the Czech Republic;

these exceptions apply only for visa and temporary residence applications at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in countries whose measures implemented in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic allow the acceptance of such applications; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will publish a list of these countries via means enabling remote access;

11. interrupt all procedures regarding residence permit applications for over 90 days filed at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic, except for procedures about applications submitted at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in countries whose measures implemented in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic allow the performance of steps within the procedure; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will publish a list of these countries via means enabling remote access;

II. prohibits

all persons who enter the Czech Republic and who were not ordered into quarantine pursuant to paragraph I/4, and the persons specified in paragraph I/1(i) through (o), from moving freely about the Czech Republic for the duration of their stay in the Czech Republic, for a period of maximally 14 days from entering the Czech Republic, except for:

- a) travel to work and movement as a part of performing work, and travel to perform business or similar activities and movement as a part of performing this activity,
- b) travel required to arrange essential life needs, to ensure child care, to ensure pet care, to use the necessary financial and postal services, and the refuel.
- c) travel to healthcare facilities and social services facilities,
- d) travel to take care of urgent official matters,

- e) travelling back to one's dwelling,
- f) funerals;

III. stipulates

1. that the medical confirmation of having passed a test refers to a confirmation issued by a physician or public health protection authority that a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 was conducted with a negative result, which is no more than 4 days old; the person procures the test at his/her own expense;
2. that the confirmation of having taken a test refers to the medical confirmation of having taken a test pursuant to paragraph 1, together with confirmation issued by the respective laboratory stating that a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 was performed with a negative result, which is no more than 4 days old; the confirmation must contain data based on which the type of test, its age, the laboratory which performed the test and the fact that it actually issued the confirmation can be determined;
3. that an urgent extraordinary situation pursuant to paragraph I/1(h) refers to
 - a) the cross-border passage of members of the integrated rescue system, including mountain rescue and other components of the integrated rescue system,
 - b) transport of blood, bone marrow and other biological material by collection teams, transport and passage by ambulance or funeral service vehicle,
 - c) need to provide healthcare services,
 - d) fulfilment of obligations imposed by the court, travel based on a subpoena from a state authority, execution of a court decision, or other official acts or use of necessary financial and postal services,
 - e) picking up or dropping off of family members from or to abroad, including cars at airports,
 - f) essential care for close family members who are unable to take care of themselves, exercising of rights, care for minors or contact with them and ensuring the necessary care for animals,
 - g) participation at funerals or weddings,
 - h) other humanitarian situations.

II.

The extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health Ref. No. MZDR 20599/2020-1/MIN/KAN, of 15 May 2020 is cancelled.

III.

This protective measures comes into effect on the date it is issued.

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