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Preamble/promulgation clause

On the basis of §§ 3 para. 1, 4 para. 1, 4a para. 1 and 5 para. 1 of the COVID-19 Measures Act, [Federal Law Gazette I No. 12/2020](#), as last amended by the Federal Act [BGBl. I No. 105/2021](#), as well as § 5c of the Epidemic Act 1950, [Federal Law Gazette No. 186/1950](#), last amended by the Federal Act [BGBl. I No. 105/2021](#), it is prescribed:

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General provisions

§ 1. 1. For the purposes of this Regulation, a mask shall mean a close-fitting mechanical protective device covering the mouth and nose area.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation, evidence of a low epidemiological risk shall be:
 1. evidence of a negative result of a SARS-CoV-2 antigen test for self-testing, recorded in a government data processing system, which must not have been taken more than 24 hours ago,
 2. evidence from an authorised body of a negative result of an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2, the acceptance of which must not have taken more than 48 hours ago,
 3. evidence from an authorised body of a negative result of a molecular biological test for SARS-CoV-2, the acceptance of which must not have taken more than 72 hours ago,
 4. a medical certificate of infection with SARS-CoV-2 in the last 180 days, which has been confirmed by molecular biology,
 5. evidence of a centrally approved vaccine against COVID-19
 - a) initial vaccination from the 22nd day following the first vaccination, which must not have been more than 90 days ago, or
 - b) secondary vaccination, which must not have been more than 270 days ago, or
 - c) vaccination from the 22nd day following vaccination for vaccines for which only one vaccination is provided, which must not be more than 270 days ago, or
 - d) vaccination, provided that there is a positive molecular biological test for SARS-CoV-2 at least 21 days before vaccination or evidence of neutralising antibodies prior to vaccination, provided that vaccination was not more than 270 days ago,
 6. a segregation notice if it was issued to a person demonstrably infected with SARS-CoV-2 in the last 180 days prior to the intended test,
 7. evidence of neutralising antibodies not older than 90 days.

If proof cannot be submitted, a SARS-CoV-2 antigen test for self-testing under the supervision of the operator of a permanent establishment in accordance with §§ 4 to 6, a non-public sports facility in accordance with § 7, a leisure facility in accordance with § 8, an old people's and nursing home or an inpatient residential facility of the disabled assistance (§ 10), a hospital, a health resort or any other place where a health service is provided (§ 11) or for a Meeting of those responsible (§§ 12 to 16). The negative test result must be kept ready for the duration of the stay.

(3) Evidence pursuant to paragraph 2 must be submitted in Latin script in German or English or in the form of a certificate in accordance with § 4b (1) of the Epidemic Act 1950 (EpiG), [Federal Law Gazette No. 186/1950](#).

4. Where this Regulation provides for evidence in accordance with paragraph 2, the holder of a permanent establishment, the person responsible for a specific place or the person responsible for a meeting shall be authorised to identify the following personal data of the data subject:

1. Name
2. Date of birth
3. validity or period of validity of the proof and
4. Barcode or QR code.

In addition, he is entitled to determine data for the purpose of establishing identity. With the exception of the collection of contact data in accordance with § 17, any duplication or storage of the evidence and the personal data contained in the evidence is just as inadmissible as the processing of the data collected in the context of identity verification. This also applies mutatis mutandis to certificates pursuant to § 4b (1) EpiG.

5. Where a COVID-19 prevention approach is prescribed in this Regulation, a state of the art approach to minimise the risk of infection with SARS-CoV-2 shall be developed and implemented. The COVID-19 prevention concept must include in particular:

1. specific hygiene measures,
2. regulations on behaviour in the event of the occurrence of SARS-CoV-2 infection,
3. regulations concerning the use of sanitary facilities,

4. where applicable, regulations concerning the consumption of food and beverages,
5. Regulations for the control of the flow of persons and regulation of the number of persons,
6. regulations concerning equalisation measures, such as barriers and ground markings,
7. Requirements for training employees on hygiene measures and supervising the performance of a SARS-CoV-2 antigen test for self-testing.

(6) Only suitable persons may be appointed as COVID-19 officers. A prerequisite for such suitability is at least knowledge of the COVID-19 prevention concept as well as the local conditions and organizational processes. The COVID-19 officer is the contact person for the authorities and has to supervise the implementation of the COVID-19 prevention concept.

Public Places

§ 2. When entering public places in enclosed spaces, a mask must be worn.

Vehicle

§ 3. (1) When using

1. taxis and taxi-like establishments,
2. cable cars and rack railways,
3. Means of mass transport

and in the associated stations, platforms, stops, stations and airports as well as their respective connecting structures, a mask must be worn in enclosed spaces.

(2) The operator of cable cars and rack railways shall appoint a COVID-19 representative and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept.

(3) The following shall apply to the use of coaches and excursion boats in occasional services:

1. The operator may only admit persons if they provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2). The person must keep this proof ready for the duration of the stay.
2. The operator must appoint a COVID-19 representative and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept.

Customer Areas

§ 4. (1) Entering and driving through the customer area of permanent establishments is only permitted under the following conditions:

1. Customers must wear a mask indoors.
2. The operator of permanent establishments for the use of body-related services may only admit customers if they provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2). The customer must keep this proof ready for the duration of the stay. The obligation to wear a mask does not apply.

(2) Para. 1 no. 1 also applies to

1. Administrative authorities and administrative courts in the case of party relations, and
2. Institutions for the practice of religion.

Hospitality

§ 5. (1) Entering and driving into permanent establishments of all types of establishments in the hospitality industry for the purpose of acquiring goods or services of the hospitality industry shall only be permitted under the following conditions:

1. The operator may only admit customers if they provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2). The customer must keep the proof ready for the duration of the stay.
2. In permanent establishments in the hospitality industry where seats are not normally occupied or are not taken for the predominant duration of the stay (in particular dance

halls, clubs and discotheques), the operator may also admit a maximum of so many persons that 75 % of the capacity of the permanent establishment is not exceeded.

(2) The operator shall appoint a COVID-19 representative and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept.

3. Self-service shall be permitted provided that appropriate hygiene measures are taken to minimise the risk of infection. These measures are to be reflected in the COVID-19 prevention concept in accordance with paragraph 2.

(4) The obligation to provide proof in accordance with paragraph 1 no. 1 does not apply to:

1. the collection of food and drinks. Customers must wear a mask indoors;
2. Food and catering stalls. Customers must wear a mask indoors;
3. Types of hotels and restaurants operated within the following establishments:
 - a) hospitals and health resorts for patients;
 - b) old people's homes and nursing homes as well as inpatient residential facilities for the disabled for residents;
 - c) institutions for the care and accommodation of children and young people, including schools and primary educational institutions;
 - d) companies, if they may only be used by employees or persons professionally active there;
 - e) Means of mass transport.

Tourist accommodation establishments

§ 6. (1) Accommodation establishments are accommodation establishments which are under the direction or supervision of the accommodation provider or an agent of this accommodation and are intended for the paid or free accommodation of guests for temporary stay. Supervised camping or caravan pitches, shelters and cabin cabins are also considered accommodation facilities.

(2) The operator may only admit guests to accommodation establishments when they enter for the first time if they provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2). The guest must keep this proof ready for the duration of the stay.

(3) For entering

1. § 5 applies mutatis mutandis to gastronomic establishments in accommodation establishments;
2. Sports facilities in accommodation establishments are subject to § 7 mutatis mutandis;
3. Leisure facilities in accommodation establishments § 8 applies mutatis mutandis.

(4) The operator must appoint a COVID-19 representative and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept.

Sports facilities

§ 7. (1) Entering sports facilities in accordance with § 3 no. 11 of the Federal Sports Promotion Act 2017 – BSFG 2017, [Federal Law Gazette I No. 100/2017](#), for the purpose of practicing sports is only permitted under the conditions specified in this provision.

(2) The operator of non-public sports facilities may only admit customers if they provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2). The customer must keep this proof ready for the duration of the stay.

(3) The operator of non-public sports facilities shall appoint a COVID-19 representative and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept.

(4) In the case of sports practice by top athletes in accordance with § 3 Z 6 BSFG 2017, the responsible doctor must develop a COVID-19 prevention concept and monitor its compliance on an ongoing basis. Proof must be submitted in accordance with § 1 (2) before the training and competition operations start for the first time. Proof pursuant to § 1 (2) no. 4 to (7) must be kept available for the respective period of validity. If proof is provided in accordance with § 1 para. 2 no. 1 to 3, it must be renewed every seven days and kept available for a period of seven days. In the event of a positive test result, it is nevertheless permissible to enter sports facilities if:

1. at least 48 hours of absence of symptoms after expired infection, and
2. on the basis of the medical laboratory findings, in particular on the basis of a CT value >30, it can be assumed that there is no longer a risk of infection.

If a SARS-CoV-2 infection becomes known in an athlete, caregiver or trainer, all athletes, caregivers and coaches must be subjected to molecular biological testing or an antigen test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 infection before each competition in the following fourteen days after the infection becomes known.

(5) The COVID-19 prevention concept pursuant to paragraph 4 shall contain, in addition to Paragraph 1(5):

1. requirements for the training of athletes, supervisors and trainers in hygiene as well as for the obligation to keep records of the state of health,
2. Rules of conduct for athletes, coaches and coaches outside training and competition times,
3. Requirements for health checks before each training and competition,
4. Specifications for training and competition infrastructure,
5. Hygiene and cleaning plan for infrastructure and materials,
6. Requirements for the traceability of contacts in the context of trainings and competitions,
7. in the case of away competitions, requirements for the information of the responsible district administrative authority there, if a SARS-CoV-2 infection has occurred in an athlete, coach or coach in the epidemiologically relevant period thereafter.

Leisure and cultural facilities

§ 8. (1) Leisure facilities are establishments and facilities that serve the entertainment, amusement or recreation. Leisure facilities are in particular

1. fairground establishments, leisure and amusement parks,
2. Baths and facilities in accordance with § 1 para. 1 no. 1 to 7 of the Bathing Hygiene Act (BHygG), [Federal Law Gazette No. 254/1976](#); with regard to baths pursuant to § 1 para. 1 no. 6 BHygG (baths on surface waters), § 2 applies mutatis mutandis if bathing is not carried out in these baths,
3. Dancing schools
4. betting shops, slot machines, gambling halls and casinos,
5. show mines,
6. institutions for the practice of prostitution,
7. Indoor playgrounds,
8. paintball facilities,
9. museum railways,
10. Animal parks, zoos and botanical gardens.

(2) The operator of leisure facilities may only admit customers for the purpose of using the services of these facilities if they provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2). The customer must keep this proof ready for the duration of the stay.

(3) Operators of facilities pursuant to § 1 para. 1 no. 1 to 7 BHygG must evaluate their obligations pursuant to § 13 BHygG with regard to the special preventive measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and adapt their measures and bathing regulations in accordance with the state of the art.

(4) The operator of leisure facilities shall appoint a COVID-19 representative and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept.

5. Cultural establishments shall mean institutions which serve cultural edification and participation in cultural life. For

1. Museums, art halls and cultural exhibition venues,
2. Libraries
3. Libraries and
4. Archives

§ 4 Para. 1 no. 1 applies. Paragraphs 2 and 4 apply to the use of services provided by other cultural institutions, in particular theatres, cinemas, variety shows, cabarets, concert halls and arenas.

Place of professional activity

§ 9. 1. Places of work may be replaced by:

1. teachers who are in direct contact with students,
2. owners, operators and employees with direct customer contact,
3. persons who are active in party relations in administrative authorities and administrative courts,

are only entered if they wear a mask when in contact with pupils, in customer contact and in closed rooms, unless the risk of infection is minimised by other appropriate protective measures.

2. The obligation to wear a mask in accordance with paragraph 1 shall not apply if:

1. the persons referred to in paragraph 1 no. 1 to 3 have proof in accordance with § 1 para. 2 no. 1 to 7 and
2. Students, customers or parties a proof according to § 1 Abs. 2

(3) Paragraph 1 also applies to entering external workplaces in accordance with § 2 (3), last sentence of the Employee Protection Act (ASchG), [Federal Law Gazette No. 450/1994](#), whereby providers of mobile care and support services may only enter them if they additionally provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2). If proof is submitted in accordance with § 1 para. 2 no. 1 to 3, it must be renewed every seven days. In addition, providers of mobile care and support services must wear a mask when in contact with customers in enclosed spaces. If the proof provided has exceeded the validity in accordance with § 1 (2), a respiratory mask of protection class FFP2 (FFP2 mask) without exhalation valve or a mask with at least equivalent standardized standard must be worn.

(4) The owner of a place of work with more than 51 employees shall appoint a COVID-19 representative and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept.

(5) By agreement between employer and employee, stricter rules for the wearing of a mask, a respirator of protection class FFP2 (FFP2 mask) without exhalation valve or a mask with at least equivalent standardized standard may be made in addition to the instructions made in paragraphs 1 to 3 for the wearing of a mask.

Old people's and nursing homes as well as inpatient residential facilities for the disabled

§ 10. (1) The entry of old people's and nursing homes as well as inpatient residential facilities of the disabled assistance by visitors and accompanying persons is only permitted under the following conditions:

1. The operator may only admit visitors and accompanying persons if they provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2). The visitor or the accompanying person must keep this proof available for the duration of the stay;
2. Visitors and accompanying persons must wear a mask throughout closed rooms, unless the risk of infection is minimized by other appropriate protective measures.

(2) Paragraph 1 shall also apply mutatis mutandis to entry by

1. external service providers,
2. Residents' representatives according to the Heimaufenthaltsgesetz (HeimAufG), [Federal Law Gazette I No. 11/2004](#),
3. Patient, disability and nursing lawyers,
4. Bodies of nursing supervision for the performance of the tasks provided for by state law and
5. Members of established commissions for the protection and promotion of human rights (Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, [Federal Law Gazette III No. 190/2012](#), and

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, [Federal Law Gazette III No. 155/2008](#)).

(3) The entry of old people's and nursing homes as well as inpatient residential facilities of the disabled assistance by employees is only permitted under the following conditions:

1. The operator may only admit employees if they provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2). Proof pursuant to § 1 (2) no. 4 to (7) must be kept available for the respective period of validity. If proof is provided in accordance with § 1 para. 2 no. 1 to 3, it must be renewed every seven days and kept available for a period of seven days. In the event of a positive test result, admission may nevertheless take place if:
 - a) at least 48 hours of absence of symptoms after expired infection, and
 - b) on the basis of the medical laboratory findings, in particular on the basis of a CT value >30, it can be assumed that there is no longer a risk of infection.
2. Employees must wear a mask indoors. If the proof provided has exceeded the validity in accordance with § 1 (2), a Corona SARS-CoV-2 pandemic respirator (CPA) or a respirator of protection class FFP2 (FFP2 mask) without exhalation valve or a mask with at least equivalent standardized standard must be worn in contact with residents in closed rooms.

(4) The operator of old people's and nursing homes as well as inpatient residential facilities of the disabled assistance may only admit residents for new admission if they provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2) or if appropriate precautions are taken in accordance with para. 6 no. 6 and 7.

5. The operator of old people's homes and nursing homes shall offer residents an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 or a molecular biological test for SARS-CoV-2 or molecular biological test for SARS-CoV-2 at least every three days, provided that they have left the home within that period.

(6) The operator shall appoint a COVID-19 representative and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept. In addition to § 1 (5), the COVID-19 prevention concept must include:

1. Requirements for the training of employees with regard to professional and private risk behaviour, mandatory documentation of the training,
2. Requirements for access by external service providers,
3. specific regulations for residents who cannot be expected to comply with the requirements in accordance with § 19 (6),
4. Regulations for the management of visits, in particular requirements for the duration of the visits and places of visit, mandatory advance notification and health checks before each entry into the facility, whereby deviating, specific and situation-adapted requirements can be made for relatives and persons who perform regular support and care tasks,
5. Requirements for the handling of screening programs according to § 5a EpiG,
6. regulations on the admission and readmission of residents who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2,
7. regulations on organisational, spatial and personnel arrangements for the implementation of quarantine measures for residents,
8. Time and organizational requirements regarding the testing of residents in accordance with paragraph 5, in particular determination of fixed dates at regular intervals.

The COVID-19 prevention concept may also include a data protection-compliant system for the traceability of contacts, such as a system for recording attendances on a voluntary basis of visitors or accompanying persons as well as external service providers.

(7) For facilities of the day structures in the care of the elderly and in the disabled area, paragraphs 3 and 4 (1) no. 1 shall apply.

Hospitals and health resorts and other places where health services are provided

§ 11. (1) Entry into hospitals or health resorts by

1. Visitors and accompanying persons and
2. external service providers with patient and visitor contact

is only permitted in accordance with § 10 (1).

(2) The entry of other places where health services are provided by patients, visitors and accompanying persons is only permitted in accordance with § 10 para. 1 no. 2.

(3) The operator may only admit employees in accordance with § 10 (3). Furthermore, the operator or service provider must minimize the risk of infection by taking into account the specific circumstances by means of appropriate protective measures, insofar as this is organizationally and technically possible and reasonable.

(4) The operator of a hospital or health resort must appoint a COVID-19 representative and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept. In addition to § 1 (5), the COVID-19 prevention concept must include:

1. Requirements for the training of employees with regard to professional and private risk behaviour, mandatory documentation of the training,
2. Requirements for access by external service providers,
3. regulations for the management of visits, in particular requirements for the maximum number, frequency and duration of visits as well as places of visit and health checks before each entry into the facility, whereby specific situation-adapted requirements must be made for relatives and persons who perform regular support and care tasks,
4. Requirements for participation in screening programs according to § 5a EpiG.

The COVID-19 prevention concept may also include a data protection-compliant system for the traceability of contacts, such as a system for recording attendances on a voluntary basis of visitors or accompanying persons as well as external service providers.

Meetings

§ 12. 1. Meetings with more than 100 participants shall be permitted only under the following conditions:

1. The person responsible for the meeting must notify the meeting to the locally responsible district administrative authority at least one week in advance. The following information shall be provided:
 - a) name and contact details (telephone number, e-mail address) of the person responsible for the meeting,
 - b) time, duration and place of the meeting,
 - c) the purpose of the meeting,
 - d) Number of participants.

The notification must be made electronically to an e-mail address provided by the responsible district administrative authority or by means of a web application.

2. The person responsible for the meeting may only admit the participants if they present proof in accordance with § 1 (2). The participant must keep this proof ready for the duration of the stay.

2. Meetings with more than 500 participants shall be permitted only under the following conditions:

1. The person responsible for the meeting must obtain permission from the locally competent district administrative authority. The information provided in para. 1 no. 1 and the prevention concept in accordance with para. 3 must be submitted. The decision period for approval is two weeks from the date of complete submission of the documents.
2. The person responsible for a meeting may only admit the participants if they present proof in accordance with § 1 (2). The participant must keep this proof ready for the duration of the stay.

(3) In the case of meetings of more than 100 persons, the person responsible for a meeting shall appoint a COVID-19 representative and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept. The district administrative authority must randomly check compliance with covid-19 prevention concepts. The COVID-19 prevention concept must be kept ready for this purpose during the duration of the meeting and submitted to the district administrative authority upon request.

4. Several meetings may take place at the same time at one location, provided that appropriate measures, such as spatial or structural separation or staggered time, preclude a mixing of participants in the meetings taking place at the same time and minimise the risk of infection.

5. Paragraphs 1 to 4 shall not apply to:

1. meetings in the private residential area, with the exception of gatherings in places that do not serve to satisfy an immediate housing need, such as in particular in garages, gardens, sheds or barns;
2. Funerals;
3. Assemblies according to the Assembly Act 1953, [Federal Law Gazette No. 98/1953](#);
4. meetings for professional purposes, if they are necessary for the maintenance of professional activity;
5. meetings of organs of political parties;
6. meetings of organs of legal persons;
7. Meetings according to the Labour Constitution Act – ArbVG, [Federal Law Gazette No. 22/1974](#);
8. driving in theatres, concert halls and arenas, cinemas, variety shows and cabarets, if this is done with multi-lane motor vehicles.

For meetings in accordance with no. 2 to 7 with more than 100 people, a mask must be worn in closed rooms, unless all persons present proof in accordance with § 1 (2).

(6) For meetings for rehearsals for professional purposes and for professional artistic performance in a fixed composition, the last sentence of § 7 (4) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

(7) § 12 applies to all meetings regardless of the place of the meeting. Sections 4 to 8 shall not apply provided that:

1. it is a closed group or company and
2. the place of the meeting is entered exclusively by persons of this group or company and by persons who are necessary for the holding of the meeting or by appropriate measures, such as spatial or structural separation, a mixing of the persons of this group or company with other persons residing there is excluded.

Extracurricular youth education and youth work, supervised holiday camps

§ 13. § 12 (1) to (4) and (7) applies mutatis mutandis to meetings of persons in the context of extracurricular youth education and youth work or in the context of supervised holiday camps.

Meetings in top-class sport

§ 14. (1) At meetings where only top athletes practice sports in accordance with § 3 Z 6 BSVG 2017, the person responsible for the meeting must appoint a COVID-19 representative for these persons, as well as for coaches, supervisors and other persons necessary for the implementation of the meeting and to develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept. § 7 (4) and (5) applies to team sports or to sports whose sport-specific practice involves physical contact. For individual sports, the COVID-19 prevention concept must contain, in addition to § 1 (5), in particular:

1. requirements for the training of athletes, supervisors and trainers in hygiene as well as for the obligation to keep records of the state of health,
2. Rules of conduct for athletes, coaches and coaches outside training and competition times,
3. Requirements for health checks before each training and competition,
4. Regulations for controlling the flows of participating athletes, coaches and coaches,
5. Hygiene and cleaning plan for infrastructure and materials,
6. Requirements for the traceability of contacts in the context of trainings and competitions,

(2) Medical care and COVID-19 testing of athletes, caregivers and coaches must help minimize the risk of infection. For supervisors, coaches and other persons who are necessary for the implementation of the meeting, § 9 also applies, for the athletes § 7 mutatis mutandis.

Trade and public fairs

§ 15. § 12 (1) to (4) apply mutatis mutandis to trade and public fairs.

Casual Markets

§ 16. (1) For occasional markets, § 12 (1) to (4) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation, occasional markets shall mean sales events which, seasonally or not regularly, bring together producers, traders, operators of hotels and restaurants or fairground establishments in a given place to sell goods, food or drink or to offer services.

3. Markets which do not take place regularly shall be those which take place at intervals greater than once a month and not for more than ten weeks.

(4) For occasional markets where only goods, food or drinks are offered for sale, § 12 (3) applies.

Collection of contact data

§ 17. (1) The operator of a permanent establishment in accordance with §§ 5 and 6, a non-public sports facility in accordance with § 7, a non-public leisure facility in accordance with § 8 and the person responsible for a meeting, a trade and public fair or an occasional market in accordance with §§ 12 to 16 is obliged to inform persons who are likely to stay at the relevant location for more than 15 minutes for the purpose of contact person tracking.

1. first and last names and

2. the telephone number and, if available, the e-mail address

to collect. In the case of visitor groups consisting exclusively of persons living in the same household, the disclosure of the data of only one adult member of this visitor group is sufficient.

(2) The obligated party under paragraph 1 must provide the aforementioned data with the date and time of entry into the respective permanent establishment or the specific place.

(3) The obligated party under paragraph 1 must provide the district administrative authority with the data upon request in accordance with § 5 (3) EpiG.

(4) The obligated party pursuant to paragraph 1 may process the data exclusively for the purpose of contact person tracking and transmit it to the district administrative authority to the extent of its request; processing of the data for other purposes is inadmissible.

(5) The obligated party under paragraph 1 must take appropriate data security measures in the context of the processing and transmission of this data and, in particular, ensure that the data cannot be viewed by third parties.

(6) The obligated party under paragraph 1 shall keep the data for a period of 28 days from the date of their collection and, in the case of meetings, from the date of the meeting and thereafter delete or destroy them immediately.

(7) If contact data cannot be collected in the form of paragraph 1 due to legitimate confidentiality interests, appropriate alternative measures must be taken.

8. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to:

1. permanent establishments and certain places where a stay is predominantly outdoors, with the exception of permanent establishments in accordance with § 5 and meetings in accordance with § 12 (1) and (2);

2. Meetings pursuant to § 12 para. 5 no. 3 and no. 5;

3. gatherings in the private living area;

4. Occasional markets where only goods, food or drinks are offered for sale.

Enter

§ 18. Entry within the meaning of this ordinance also includes staying (§ 1 para. 2 COVID-19-MG).

Exceptions

§ 19. 1. This Regulation shall not apply:

1. for – with the exception of § 9, § 17 and §§ 19 to 23 – elementary educational institutions, schools in accordance with the School Organisation Act, [Federal Law Gazette No. 242/1962](#), Art. V no. 2 of the 5th SchOG amendment, [Federal Law Gazette No. 323/1975](#), and the Private School Act, [Federal Law Gazette No. 244/1962](#), agricultural and forestry schools, the regular use of sports facilities in the context of regular lessons and facilities for extracurricular childcare,
2. for universities in accordance with the Universities Act 2002, [Federal Law Gazette I No. 120/2002](#), private universities in accordance with the Private Universities Act, [Federal Law Gazette I No. 77/2020](#), universities of applied sciences in accordance with the Fachhochschulgesetz, [Federal Law Gazette No. 340/1993](#), and universities of teacher education in accordance with the Higher Education Act 2005, [Federal Law Gazette I No. 30/2006](#), including the libraries of these institutions,
3. for activities within the scope of the legislative and enforcement bodies, with the exception of party relations in administrative authorities and administrative courts, unless otherwise stipulated in the area of house rules,
4. for meetings for the practice of religion.

2. The conditions and obligations laid down in this Regulation shall not apply:

1. to avert immediate danger to life, limb and property, or
2. to supervise minor children.

(3) The obligation to wear a mask does not apply

1. during the consumption of food and drinks;
2. for deaf and severely hearing impaired persons and their communication partners during communication;
3. if this is necessary for therapeutic-pedagogical reasons;
4. for persons providing or using speech therapy health services, for the duration of the provision or use of the speech therapy service;
5. if this is necessary for the provision of a body-related service;
6. while practicing sports. § 9 remains unaffected;
7. for children up to the age of six;
8. for persons who cannot be expected to do so for health reasons. In this case, another mechanical protective device that is not tightly fitting but completely covers the mouth and nose area may be worn. A complete cover is present if the non-tight-fitting protective device reaches up to the ears and well under the chin. If this cannot be expected of the persons for health reasons, the obligation to wear a mechanical protective device covering the mouth and nose area does not apply.

4. The obligation to wear a respiratory mask of protection class FFP2 (FFP2 mask) without exhalation valve or a mask with at least equivalent standard does not apply to:

1. Pregnant women and
2. persons who cannot be expected to do so for health reasons,

whereby they have to wear a mask instead.

(5) The obligation to provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2) does not apply to children up to the age of twelve.

(6) The obligation to submit a negative test result does not apply to persons who cannot be expected to undergo testing for health or disability-specific reasons, in particular due to dementia impairment. If these persons have other proof in accordance with § 1 (2), their obligation to submit remains unaffected.

(7) If persons are obliged by this Ordinance to provide proof in accordance with § 1 (2), these proofs shall only be kept available for the duration of the stay at permanent establishments, non-public sports facilities or leisure facilities without staff.

Credibility

§ 20. (1) The existence of the requirements pursuant to § 19 is to be determined on request to

1. organs of the public security service,
2. Authorities and administrative courts in the case of party relations and official acts, and
3. holders of a permanent establishment or place of work as well as operators of a means of transport to fulfil their duty under § 8 (4) COVID-19-MG,
4. the person responsible for a meeting

to make it credible.

(2) The exceptional ground according to which, for health reasons,

1. the wearing of a mask, a respirator of protection class FFP2 (FFP2 mask) without exhalation valve or a mask with at least equivalent standard cannot be expected,
2. the performance of a test provided for in Paragraph 1(2) cannot be reasonably expected,

as well as the existence of a pregnancy must be proven by a certificate issued by a doctor entitled to practise his profession independently in Austria or the EEA.

(3) If the existence of an exceptional reason has been credibly demonstrated to the persons referred to in para. 1 no. 3, the owner of the permanent establishment or place of work as well as the operator of a means of transport has fulfilled his obligation under § 8 para. 4 of the COVID-19-MG.

Principles of participation according to § 6 COVID-19-MG and § 28a EpiG

§ 21. In the context of the cooperation under § 6 COVID-19-MG and § 28a EpiG, the organs of the public security service must refrain from taking measures against persons who violate an obligation to behave or refrain from doing so under this Ordinance if the legal condition can be established by more lenient means or if these measures would not be proportionate. The decision whether to refrain from taking a measure under § 6 COVID-19-MG and § 28a EpiG must be made on the basis of the epidemiological danger situation in connection with COVID-19, in particular on the basis of information provided by the locally competent health authorities.

Employee protection, federal employee protection and maternity protection

§ 22. This Ordinance does not affect the ASchG, the Federal Employee Protection Act, [Federal Law Gazette I No. 70/1999](#), and the Maternity Protection Act 1979, [Federal Law Gazette No. 221/1979](#).

Entry into force and transitional right

§ 23. 1. This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 2021 and shall expire on 31 August 2021. Sections 12 to 16 shall cease to apply at the end of 28 July 2021.

(2) Even before the entry into force of the COVID-19 Opening Ordinance, [Federal Law Gazette II No. 214/2021](#), medical confirmations issued about an infection that has occurred in the last six months and currently expired and evidence of neutralizing antibodies remain valid for the respective duration.

3. Meetings to be held within the temporal scope of this Regulation in accordance with paragraph 1 may be notified, requested and authorised as soon as the Regulation is promulgated. Meetings for which a permit has been granted from 19 May 2021 in the implementation of the COVID-19 Opening Ordinance – COVID-19 Public Transport, [Federal Law Gazette II No. 214/2021](#), do not require a permit in accordance with § 12 para. 2 no. 1.

(4) The deadline pursuant to § 12 (1) no. 1 does not apply to meetings that take place until 8 July 2021.

(5) § 4 and § 5 sec. 1 and 4 in the version of Art. 2 of regulation [BGBl. II No. 278/2021](#) enter into force on 22 July 2021; at the same time § 8 sec. 5 second sentence expires.

(6) Paragraph 1(2), Paragraph 5(1a), Paragraph 7(4), Paragraph 8(5), Paragraph 9(1a), (2) and (3), Paragraph 10(3) and (7), Paragraph 11(3), Paragraph 21 including the title and Paragraph 23(1), as amended by Article 2 of Regulation [BGBl. II No 321/2021](#), shall enter into force on 22 July 2021.

(7) Paragraph 1(2) as amended by Article 3 of Regulation [BGBl. II No. 321/2021](#) enters into force on 15 August 2021.