

INFORMATION ON THE OPERATIONS OF SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM 3.5.2021 (an extract)

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports hereby announces that the following has been issued in line with a meeting of the Government of the Czech Republic:

- The amended exceptional measure of the Ministry of Health governing the limitation of operations at schools and educational institutions, **effective as of 3.5.2021**. The exceptional measure differs from the present in the following:
 - **At primary schools**
 - the in-person learning of senior school pupils will be permitted under the condition that the lessons in the odd-numbered weeks are not attended by the first half of classes
 - and the second half of classes do not attend the lessons in the even-numbered weeks (this number can be rounded if there is an odd number of classes).
 - **At multi-year grammar schools and conservatories**
 - The in-person learning of pupils in the lower level of six-year and eight-year grammar schools and pupils in the first four years of an eight-year conservatory educational program under the condition that half the classes do not participate in any in-person lessons in odd-numbered weeks and the second half of the classes do not participate in said lessons in even-numbered weeks (this number can be rounded if there is an odd number of classes).
 - **Other conditions pertaining to the operations of schools and educational institutions**
 - sports activities held outside (in exterior areas) are now permitted at **all** schools,
 - this only pertains to those pupils and students whom this exceptional measure enables to participate in in-person learning,
 - the exceptional measure states that sports activities are permitted “*under the conditions according to the exceptional measure regulating the organisation of sports activities*” – the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports hereby announces that the organisation of sports activities at schools is currently subject to the generally valid exceptional measures,
 - the exceptional measure on the wearing of protection of the respiratory passages includes an exception to the obligation to wear such protection (i.e. no masks or respirators) during those educational activities at schools, the nature of which precludes the wearing of masks (including PE),
 - it is also necessary to maintain the homogeneity of groups during sports activities,
 - the organisation of sports activities at schools and educational institutions has not been otherwise regulated - sports activities at schools and educational institutions are not subject to the rules that apply to amateur sports organised by sports associations and that have been included in the exceptional measure that regulates retail and services,
 - according to the existing wording of the regulation, sports activities at schools are also permitted at kindergartens and in secondary and upper secondary education courses and university courses, in which sports activities constitute the mainstay of the general or accredited educational or study program (provided these children, pupils or students are permitted to take part in in-person learning in line with the other provisions). This applies throughout the entire Czech Republic without any limitation to the use of internal or external areas.
- **The remaining measures have not been changed.**
- **A change in the exceptional measure of the Ministry of Health on the compulsory testing of children, pupils and students at schools and educational institutions, effective as of 3.5.2021. This measure differs from the present as follows:**
 - The obligation to be tested as a condition for in-person participation at lessons also applies to pupils in the lower level of six-year or eight-year grammar school courses and to pupils in the first four years of the eight-year educational program at conservatories,
 - The exceptional measure has already regulated this obligation for primary school pupils including senior

school students,

- The rules for testing pupils are the same as for junior school pupils at primary schools which have rotating lessons;
- A change in the exceptional measure of the Ministry of Health on the compulsory wearing of facemasks, effective as of **3.5.2021**. This measure differs in comparison with the present as follows:
 - Pupils in the lower level of a six-year or eight-year grammar school course and pupils in the first four years of an eight-year educational program at a conservatory are authorised **to use a protective device to cover their mouth and nose, a medical facemask or some similar means** during lessons at the grammar school or the conservatory regardless of the pupil's age (in the case of pupils over 15, pupils therefore do not have to wear an FFP2 respirator during the lessons at these schools),
 - The exceptional measure has already regulated the same rule for primary school pupils, including senior school pupils, and also for applicants/participants at entrance examinations for secondary school.