Measure of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic in the endangerment to the public health

Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic as a respective body according to the Section 5 para. 4 letter h) of the Act No. 355/2007 Coll. on Protection, Support and Development of Public Health and on Amendments and Supplements to Certain Acts (hereinafter referred to as the “Act No. 355/2007 Coll.”), due to the declaration of an extraordinary situation in the territory of the Slovak Republic by the Government of the Slovak Republic through Resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic No. 111 of 11 March 2020 and COVID-19 pandemic declared on 11 March 2020 by Director-General of the World Health Organization, in accordance with the conclusions of the meeting of Central Crisis Staff of the Slovak Republic of 28/04/2020 pursuant to Section 12 para. 2 letters b), c) and f) and Section 48 para. 4 letter l) of the Act No. 355/2007 Coll., orders the following measures:

1. All persons who enter the territory of the Slovak Republic from 1 May 2020, 7.00 a.m. are ordered to stay isolated in facilities specified by the state for the period necessary to carry out laboratory diagnosis of COVID-19 and then, following the negative result of this test, this person is ordered a home isolation for the total period of 14 days. During the period of home isolation according to the previous sentence, this isolation is also ordered to persons living in a common household with the isolated person.

The order of isolation in facilities specified by the state shall not apply to the following persons:
- persons with reduced orientation and mobility,
- pregnant women, persons with oncology disorder, psychiatric disorder, severe immunodeficiency disorder, persons with special nutritional needs, persons with chronic respiratory or cardiovascular diseases, persons with metabolic disorders, persons with epilepsy, persons with mental disorder, persons with serious illnesses requiring continuous injections at regular intervals, severely disabled persons. Upon entering the territory of the Slovak Republic, these persons are obliged to provide a medical certificate bearing a doctor's signature and stamp and confirming their health condition falls into the above medical restrictions.
- persons over 75 years of age,

and their relatives and persons accompanying them at the time of crossing the state borders of the Slovak Republic, who enter the territory of the Slovak Republic from 1 May 2020, 7.00 a.m.

All persons specified above, not being subject to the order of isolation in facilities specified by the state, and their relatives and accompanying persons, provided they submit a negative RT-PCR test (confirmation of test negativity) for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours upon entering the territory of the Slovak Republic, are ordered a home isolation for the period of 14 days. The obligation under this point - to provide a negative RT-PCR test results for COVID-19, shall not apply to persons under 3 years of age. Unaccompanied persons under 18 years of age entering the territory of the Slovak Republic are ordered a home isolation for the period of 14 days. During the period of home isolation, this isolation is also ordered to persons living in a common household with the isolated person. All persons subject to the home isolation obligation are obliged to immediately report this fact by phone to the local Regional Public Health Authority.

2. All persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic from 01 May 2020, 7.00 a.m. are ordered to report this fact immediately after returning to the Slovak Republic by phone or electronically to the health care provider providing health care in the field of general practice, and with whom this person has the healthcare agreement concluded, or to the health care provider in the field of paediatrics, and with whom the child has the healthcare agreement concluded. Persons who do not have such an agreement in the territory of the Slovak Republic are obliged to notify the locally competent doctor of the self-governing region of the isolation according to point 1.

3. All health care providers providing health care in the field of general practice or paediatrics are ordered to issue a sick-leave due to COVID-19 quarantine to all persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic from 01 May 2020, 7.00 a.m., including persons living in a common household with the isolated person.
4. Measures according to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to:

- freight drivers, pilots, air crew members or other aeronautical members, crew members on cargo ships, engine drivers, wagon engineers, train crews and rail freight operators when transporting, loading and unloading the goods; these persons crossing the territory of the Slovak Republic also by other means of transport in order to travel to the place where they will carry out their work or when returning home, shall present a confirmation of the employer in the state language of the Slovak Republic or confirmation for workers in international transport, the sample of which is included in Annex 3 of the European Commission Communication on the implementation of the Green Lanes,

- drivers and crews of passenger, air or bus transport who provide the transport of repatriated persons to the territory of the Slovak Republic,

- drivers and crew of medical service transporting a patient, and drivers and crew transporting organs for transplantation, blood and blood substitutes,

- employees of funeral services carrying out international transport of mortal remains for the purpose of burial or cremation,

- after approval by the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, persons entering or leaving the territory of the Slovak Republic for the purpose of ensuring treatment of health conditions of their relatives or relatives of these persons,

- after approval by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic or Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic, the transit of police officers crossing the territory of the Slovak Republic for the fulfilment of tasks arising from EU membership and members of the armed forces and NATO,

- after approval by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, the transit of EU nationals returning to their home country and crossing the territory of the Slovak Republic without stopping.

- persons enjoying diplomatic privileges and immunity,

- persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic due to the implementation of a valid court decision in the matter of performing joint custody of minor child, or the right to be in contact with a minor child. A person entering the territory of the Slovak Republic for this reason is obliged to present a valid court decision or parental agreement upon entering the territory of the Slovak Republic and at the same time inform the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic (the Centre for the International Legal Protection of Children and Youth) of its intention to enter the territory of the Slovak Republic for the above reason.

In the event the persons referred to in this point have symptoms of respiratory disease, they are ordered to report this fact immediately by phone to their health care provider providing health
care in the field of general practice, and with whom this person has the healthcare agreement concluded. If these persons do not have a healthcare provider in the territory of the Slovak Republic, they shall notify this information without delay to the emergency number 112.

Freight drivers, air crew members or other members of the aeronautical staff, crew members on cargo ships, engine drivers, wagon engineers, train crews and rail freight operators entering or leaving the territory of the Slovak Republic for the purpose of transporting, loading and unloading of goods are ordered to use personal protective equipment when loading and unloading the goods, to minimize the direct contact with staff abroad and to have rubber gloves in their vehicles for use as required and disinfectants for regular hand cleaning. For rail transportation workers, the employer shall draw up a certificate clearly demonstrating that the forced crossing of the national border arises from the nature of their work, by which they ensure freight transport. For these persons, during their necessary stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic, outside of the performance of their duties, home isolation is ordered, if possible away from the persons living in a common household with them.

Employees of funeral services carrying out international transport of mortal remains for the purpose of burial or cremation are ordered to wear respirators FFP2/FFP3 when taking over, handing over or loading the mortal remains, to minimize the direct contact with staff abroad and to have rubber gloves in their vehicles for use as required and disinfectants for regular hand cleaning.

Drivers and crew of medical service carrying out transport of patient are ordered to carry out the transport only in vehicles with separated space for the patient, to use personal protective equipment (respirators FFP2/FFP3, protective goggles, gloves) and to use disinfectants for regular hand cleaning.

5. The measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to persons permanently or temporarily residing in the Slovak Republic and who have an employment relationship, a similar employment relationship or a place of work (e.g. for self-employed persons) in border areas in the territory of a neighbouring country within 30 km by road from an open border crossing to the territory of the Slovak Republic and hold a certificate of the employer of such performance of work or a certificate of such performance of work.

At the same time, the measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to persons permanently or temporarily residing in border areas of a neighbouring country within 30 km from an open border crossing to the territory of the Slovak Republic and who have an employment relationship, a similar employment relationship or a place of work in this territory within 30 km by road from an open border crossing to the territory of the Slovak Republic.
Republic and hold a certificate of the employer of such performance of work or a certificate of such performance of work. The measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall also not apply to a minor child for whom such person is the legal guardian, provided that the child crosses the border accompanied by such person.

6. In justified cases not falling under points 4 and 5, the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic may grant an exemption from points 1 to 3 on the basis of a justified written request of a member of the Government of the Slovak Republic under his authority. This person is obliged to present a negative RT-PCR test (confirmation of test negativity) for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours when entering the territory of the Slovak Republic.

In justified cases, the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic may grant an exemption from the obligation to provide a negative RT-PCR test for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours on the basis of a justified written request of a member of the Government of the Slovak Republic under his authority.

7. The measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to persons permanently or temporarily residing in the Slovak Republic and who have an employment relationship, similar employment relationship or place of work (e.g. for self-employed persons) as a health worker or carer more than 30 km by road from the border crossing in the South Moravian, Zlín, Moravian-Silesian or Olomouc Regions of the Czech Republic, or in the state of Vienna, Lower Austria or Burgenland of the Republic of Austria and who hold a certificate of the employer of such performance of work. This person is obliged to present a negative RT-PCR test (confirmation of test negativity) for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours when entering the territory of the Slovak Republic.

8. The measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to persons permanently or temporarily residing in the Slovak Republic and who attend, study or apply for attending or studying at nursery school, elementary school, high school or university in the Czech Republic, the Republic of Poland, Hungary or the Republic of Austria, including one accompanying person, and who hold a certificate of this fact (e.g. certificate of study, invitation to entrance/final examinations, enrolment in school).

If the stay of the above persons in these countries does not exceed a period of 24 hours, these persons and their legal guardians are ordered to monitor their health condition and in the event of any symptoms of respiratory disease, they are ordered to report this fact immediately by phone to their health care provider providing health care to this person in the relevant field, and with whom this person has the healthcare agreement concluded.
If these persons do not have a healthcare provider in the territory of the Slovak Republic, they shall notify this information without delay to the emergency number 112.

If the stay of the above persons in these countries exceeds a period of 24 hours, these persons are obliged to undergo a laboratory diagnosis of COVID-19 on the 5th day, at earliest, after entering the territory of the Slovak Republic and in case of a positive result, to notify the doctor according to point 2 of this measure and the locally competent Regional Public Health Authority. Until a negative COVID-19 test result is identified, these persons are ordered to be isolated at home.

The measure pursuant to points 1 to 3 shall not apply to persons entering the territory of the Slovak Republic for the purpose of taking entrance exams, final exams, other exams or enrolment in schools in the Slovak Republic or taking personal belongings from dormitories or other accommodation facilities, including one accompanying person, and who hold a certificate of such fact (e.g. invitation to entrance examinations, enrolment in school). This person is obliged to present a negative RT-PCR test (confirmation of test negativity) for COVID-19 not older than 96 hours when entering the territory of the Slovak Republic.

**Validity: 1 May 2020, 7.00 a.m. until further notice**

The entry into force of this measure repeals the measure of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic No. OLP/3172/2020 of 17/04/2020.

**Recitals**


Following the current epidemiological situation in the world and in the European Union, the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic ordered measures specified in the binding part of this measure in order to protect the Slovak Republic from bringing communicable
disease COVID-19 into the territory of the Slovak Republic in accordance with the conclusions of the meeting of Central Crisis Staff of the Slovak Republic of 28/04/2020.

This measure is one of the important tools for preventing the spread of COVID-19 diseases caused by coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) in the Slovak Republic.

A person to whom the isolation obligation arises from this measure is obliged to:

a) monitor their health condition (sudden onset of at least one of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath) and if such symptoms occur, call immediately the person responsible for the quarantine facility and, in the case of home isolation, the attending physician and the local Regional Public Health Authority and undergo biological material collection,

b) refrain from social contacts,

c) refrain from travelling,

d) refrain from any activities that require you to leave the place of isolation, or receiving susceptible persons at the place of isolation.

Failure to comply with this measure constitutes an offence in the public health sector pursuant to Section 56 of Act No. 355/2007 Coll. for which the competent Regional Public Health Authority shall impose a fine pursuant to Section 56 para. 2 of Act No. 355/2007 Coll. in the amount of up to EUR 1,659. The Police Force and Municipal Police may also impose an on-the-spot fine in the amount of up to EUR 1,000 on the offender for not respecting this measure.

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