INFORMATION ON THE OPERATION OF SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM 27 FEBRUARY 2021

At its meeting of 26 February 2021, the Government decided on further changes to the operations of schools and educational institutions from 27 February 2021 as a consequence of the ongoing serious epidemic situation.

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport hereby announces that the Government of the Czech Republic adopted crisis measure no. 200 (available <u>HERE</u>) on 26 February 2021 in response to the unfavourable epidemiological situation and that in addition to the existing measures this:

PROHIBITS THE IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE:

- of children at kindergarten
- of children in preparatory classes
- of children in years 1 and 2 at primary school
- of junior school pupils at primary school, if they are in joint classes with pupils in years 1 or 2 at primary school
- · children in the preparatory stage at special primary schools
- pupils at primary schools or in classes established in compliance with section 16, subsection 9 of the Education Act
- pupils in educational courses at one-year practical schools and two-year practical schools
- · at any remaining school clubs and after-school centres which may have still been operational in certain specific cases

Primary and secondary schools will provide these children or pupils with distance learning. Kindergartens will provide distance learning to those children, for whom preschool education is compulsory. Kindergartens will be sent the distance learning methodology at the beginning of next week.

Children aged between 2 and 10, whose legal guardians work in selected professions that are essential for the functioning of the state may be provided with care at designated schools and educational institutions; see crisis measure no. 212 of 26 February 2021 (available HERE).

The CARE ALLOWANCE: parents can use the following link for information on the care allowance: https://www.cssz.cz/web/cz/aktualni-informace-k-osetrovnemu. The school no longer has to fill out a confirmation according to the new rules.

THE FOLLOWING ATTENDANCE IS STILL PERMITTED:

- children at kindergartens belonging to a healthcare facility
- pupils at primary schools belonging to a healthcare facility
- pupils at schools established at facilities for the provision of institutional or protective care
- pupils at schools established by the Ministry of Justice
- during practical lessons and the practical preparation of pupils and students from medical fields of study at medical institutions and social services institutions
- during individual consultations for children, primary school pupils and pupils and students in secondary and specialist upper secondary education

THE FOLLOWING IS ALSO PERMITTED:

- the holding of entrance examinations, final examinations, maturita school-leaving examinations, absolutorium examinations and internationally acknowledged examinations without any limit to the numbers of people
- the holding of examinations at specialist upper secondary schools with the participation of a maximum of 10 people
- the holding of resits and make-up examinations in the presence of a committee at secondary schools and conservatories
- the accommodation of pupils and students, who have no other place of residence in the Czech Republic, and pupils and students, who are able to attend in-person lessons according to the crisis measure, at school boarding and accommodation facilities.
- the holding of state language examinations with the participation of a maximum of 10 people

The exceptions to the general ban on movement between districts also include travel due to participation in education, including work experience, and for examinations. As such, the exception applies to travel due to participation in that kind of education (work experience) or those examinations that are allowed to be held. All individuals who are over 15 and make use of this exception are obliged to substantiate the legitimacy of the use of the exception by means of a written document or a statutory declaration with a statement of the specific reason for the exception; see crisis measure no. 216 of 26 February 2021 (available HERE).

Source: https://www.msmt.cz/skoly-rezim-od-brezna

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