

INFORMATION ON THE OPERATION OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES as of 29 January 2021

(the information is taken from the website of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, changes are announced by MEYS through the public media and on the website www.msmt.cz)

Crisis Measures for Education:

- Not only a face mask, but also a surgical mask, scarf, shawl or other means that prevent the spread of droplets – hereinafter referred to as the “face mask”, are considered respiratory protective equipment (nose, mouth protection).
- In the event that the school principal learns of the occurrence of Covid-19 in a school employee or pupil, he/she contacts an employee of the Regional Hygiene Station.

Kindergartens

- They are operated in accordance with operating health safety regulations.
- Children and teachers are not obliged to wear face masks.
- The entry of third parties on the school premises is possible only with a face mask and in absolutely necessary cases.

Primary Schools

- **Classroom learning** takes place in preparatory classes, 1st and 2nd years and in small schools with few classes.
- Pupils and school staff must wear face masks throughout their stay at the school.
- Classroom learning takes place in homogeneous groups (*class groups do not merge or otherwise mix*). The arrival, departure and movement of pupils at school is organised in such a way that there is no contact between pupils from different classes.
- It is possible to run an after-school care and a school club for pupils attending face-to-face classes.
- Singing and sports activities during classes are prohibited.
- **Distance learning is compulsory for other pupils.**
- The uniform **entrance examination** in the Czech language and literature and in mathematics is not compulsory this year in the case of four-year courses. If the school principal decides that there will be no uniform entrance examination, a school admission procedure must take place. It is always necessary to monitor the school’s website.

The new application of the Czech School Inspectorate (CSI) will help the pupils to prepare for the entrance examination (for the 5th, 7th and 9th year).

School Canteens

- **School canteens are open, but only for pupils attending classroom learning.** Other students can pick up food at the serving hatch.
- Pupils are entitled to a subsidised lunch at the time of compulsory distance learning.
- Pupils and school staff are required to wear face masks in the school canteen, except when eating.

Secondary Schools

Teaching at secondary schools and conservatories takes place on-line.

- It is possible to take entrance exams, final exams, school-leaving exams, graduate exams and internationally recognised exams. The rules are governed by the regulations for the relevant tests and current crisis measures.
- The **secondary school-leaving exams** shall be free of essays this year and the time for didactic tests in languages and mathematics shall be extended. Oral exams remain compulsory for all. In the school-specific part of the exam, principals are allowed to adjust its form according to the situation at a particular school. It is therefore necessary to always monitor the school’s website. Up-to-date information on general crisis measures is available on the [MEYS](http://www.msmt.cz) website.
- The new CSI application will help pupils with the preparation for the school-leaving exam.

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