

INFORMATION ON THE OPERATIONS OF SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM 12 APRIL 2021 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport hereby announces that the following measures have been issued in association with the cabinet meeting of the Government of the Czech Republic of 6 April 2021:

- **The exceptional measure of the Ministry of Health on the testing of children, pupils and students at schools and educational institutions**
 - From 12.4.2021, all schools and educational institutions will be obliged to test children, pupils and students 2x per week using Ag tests or 1x per week using RT-PCR tests.
 - Non-invasive Ag tests or non-invasive PCR tests can be used for this purpose.
 - The compulsory testing does not pertain to any individual consultations or individual in-person lessons.
- **The exceptional measure of the Ministry of Health on the limits to the operations of schools and educational institutions and Phase 1 of the loosening of restrictions enables the renewal of in-person learning from 12.4.2021**

At kindergartens

- for children who are subject to compulsory preschool education in groups consisting of a maximum of 15 children,
- for kindergarten children and classes established in compliance with section 16, subsection 9 of the Education Act.

At primary schools

- for children in preparatory classes,
- for pupils in the junior level of primary school where there is a maximum of 75 junior school pupils and provided the junior school building is structurally separate from the primary school's senior school building, including the school dining room,
- for junior school pupils at primary schools which do not meet the aforementioned conditions in a manner where the lessons in odd-numbered weeks are not attended by the first half of classes and the lessons in even-numbered weeks are not attended by the second half of classes (this can be rounded up in the case of an odd number of classes),
- for children in the preparatory level at special primary schools,
- for the pupils at primary schools or in classes established according to section 16, subsection 9 of the Education Act,
- for group consultations of senior school pupils who are in danger of failing or for Year 9 pupils in the subjects required for entrance examinations according to their needs as evaluated by the school, but up to a maximum of 6 pupils in a single group.

At after-school care and school clubs

- for those children and pupils who are able to participate in in-person lessons according to the exceptional measure, but under the condition that a group only consists of children or pupils from a single unchanging class that is also used for the purposes of in-person education.

The homogeneity of classes and groups is compulsory, with the exception of group consultations permitted at primary schools.

- Sports activities are still allowed at kindergartens as part of education.

- **The exceptional measure of the Ministry of Health on the protection of the airways**

The Ministry of Health has stipulated the following obligations to wear facemasks at schools by means of this exceptional measure:

- teaching and non-teaching employees at kindergartens are obliged to wear a respirator, but kindergarten children are not required to wear any protective means covering their mouth and nose,
- teaching and non-teaching employees at primary schools are obliged to wear a respirator; pupils (including in preparatory classes) are required to at least wear surgical masks.

Instructional videos on both centrally distributed Ag tests can be found [HERE](https://www.msmt.cz/informace-k-provozu-skol-od-12-dubna-2021). Source: <https://www.msmt.cz/informace-k-provozu-skol-od-12-dubna-2021>