

TRANSLATION  
(excerpt)

**Eighth Corona Control Ordinance Rhineland-Palatinate (8<sup>th</sup> CoBeLVO) of 25 May 2020**

Based on § 32 sentence 1 in connection with § 28 para. 1 sentence 1 and 2 of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (...) in conjunction with § 1 No. 1 of the State Ordinance on the Implementation of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (...) it is decreed:

**Part 1**  
**General Protective Measures**

§ 1

(1) Each person is encouraged to reduce to a minimum closer and longer contacts to persons other than members of one's own household. Wherever possible a minimum distance of 1.5 meters has to be adhered to between persons who do not live not in a common household. The minimum distance of 1.5 meters between persons who do not live in a common household has to be observed, wherever reference to it is made in this Ordinance (**distance requirement**); this does not apply to persons who are unable to comply with the minimum distance due to a disability. Sentences 1 to 3 also apply if a mouth-nose cover is worn.

(2) In public or commercial facilities, in particular in enclosed rooms a mouth-nose covered shall be generally worn, when in contact with other persons. A mouth-nose covering has to be worn, wherever reference to it is made in this Ordinance (**mask requirement**), unless otherwise specified hereinafter.

(3) Insofar as this Ordinance provides for a mask requirement

1. children up to the age of six are exempt.
2. exempt are persons for whom wearing a cover over mouth and nose is impossible or unreasonable due to a disability or for health-related reasons; this has to be verified by a medical certificate.
3. removal of the mouth-nose cover is permitted as long as it is necessary for identification purposes or for communication with persons with hearing impairments.
4. exempt are employees of the facilities, if other appropriate protective measures are taken, in particular separation devices, or as long as there is no contact to customers or visitors.

(4) Where in public or commercial facilities or in the immediate vicinity of such facilities an accumulation of persons can be expected, the proprietor of the facility or the organizer of a meeting, gathering, or other get-together shall take measures to comply with the distance requirement referred to in paragraph 1 sentence 3, in particular to control access (for example, by affixing clearly visible distance markings at a distance of at least 1.5 meters).

(5) Whereas, where public or commercial facilities are open, special hygiene measures should be provided, such as the provision of disinfectants, increased cleaning intervals, separating devices and similar measures.

(6) Where an increased risk of contagion is likely in a public or commercial facility, the protective measures shall be adapted to the increased risk in addition to the protective measures pursuant to paragraphs 1 to 5. This is done, inter alia, by limiting the number of persons according to the following guidelines, provided that reference is made to it in this Ordinance (limitation of persons):

1. given a sales or visitor area of up to 800 sqm, a maximum of one person per 10 sqm sales or visitor area,

b) given a total sales or visitor area of 801 sqm or above, not more than one person per 10 sqm of sales or visitor area in total on an area of 800 sqm and not more than one person per 20 sqm of sales or visitor area in the area exceeding 800 sqm.

(7) If persons are, as intended, more than 15 minutes in the same spatial context with persons other than those referred to in § 2 para. 1, the contact traceability is to be ensured in principle. Contact traceability has to be ensured where reference is made to it in this Ordinance (**contact recording**). In this case the proprietor of the facility or the organizer of a meeting, gathering, or other get-together has to record contact details (name, first name, address, telephone number) in compliance with data protection law; after the retention period has expired, the data has to be deleted immediately. Data retention obligations resulting from other laws remain unaffected. The competent public health authority can demand information about the guests' contact details, insofar as it is necessary to fulfil its duties under the provisions of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (IfSG) and its tasks under this Ordinance; the data has to be released immediately. Processing of the data for other purposes is not allowed. Data transmitted to the competent public health authority have to be irreversibly deleted by the latter immediately as soon as the data is no longer required for fulfillment of its tasks.

(8) On the website of the State government ([www.corona.rlp.de](http://www.corona.rlp.de)), the following Hygiene concepts have been published:

1. Hygiene concept for events with up to 100 persons,
2. Hygiene concept for gyms,
3. Hygiene concept for outdoor pools,
4. Hygiene concept for flea markets, special markets and similar outdoor markets,
5. Hygiene concept for gambling halls,
6. Hygiene concept for outdoor sports,
7. Hygiene concept for indoor sports,
8. Hygiene concept for dance schools,
9. Hygiene concept for circuses,
10. Hygiene concept for casinos,
11. Hygiene concept for bet agencies,
12. Hygiene concept for theaters, cinemas, concert halls, opera houses and small-scale art stages with seating,
13. Hygiene concept for gastronomy and accommodation

The protective measures of the respective hygiene concepts as amended have to be observed in conducting events, when the facilities referred to in the first sentence are opened or when sport is held. If no hygiene concepts for individual facilities or measures are published on the website of the state government or the departmental ministries, hygiene concepts or hygiene plans of comparable facilities or life conditions have to be used for orientation.

**Part 2**  
**Contact restrictions,**  
**Provisions for assemblies, events and accumulation of persons**

§ 2  
Contact restrictions in public

(1) Entry in public space is only permitted

1. on your own,
2. amongst members of one's own household, or
3. alone or amongst members of one's own household with one or more persons of one other household.

**(contact restriction).**

The parent who is not living in a household is allowed to continue exercising visitation rights.

(2) Paragraph 1 sentence 1 does not apply to contacts for business, professional or official reasons, in which persons must work in close direct contact, including the necessary management of agricultural and forestry land, as well as for reasons relevant to examinations or care. Furthermore, paragraph 1 sentence 1 does not apply to contacts at offices and institutions carrying out public tasks and at which persons shortly have to meet (*e.g.*, travel in occasional traffic between the place of residence and work or in car-pooling) as well as voluntary work to provide for the population.

§ 3  
Assemblies, Events, of Accumulation of Persons

(1) Subject to conditions, in particular the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3, gatherings in open air may be permitted by the competent authority under the Assembly Act, provided that this is justifiable in individual cases from the point of view of infection protection laws.

(2) Outdoor events are permitted with up to 100 people, subject to the necessary protective measures. In particular, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3, the limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 6 sentence 2, and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 7 sentence 2 apply.

(3) Any events in enclosed rooms as well as any other gathering of persons beyond paragraph 2 sentence 1 is not permitted, subject to the right of self-organization of the Landtag [State Parliament] and the local bodies. Excluded are assemblies that serve the maintenance of public security and order, the judiciary (including Notars and Law Firms), or the provision of services of essential supply. In the cases of sentence 2 the distance requirement shall apply pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 as far as this is possible.

(4) The following persons may participate as mourners at funerals in enclosed rooms:

1. the deceased's spouse, civil partner or companion, fiancée or fiancé
2. persons who are related to the deceased in the first or second degrees, and
3. persons of one other household.

In addition to the group of persons referred to in sentence 1, other persons may also participate if compliance with the limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 6 sentence 2 is ensured.

(5) In addition to the persons to be wed, the registrar, other persons required for the marriage and two marriage witnesses, the following persons may participate at civil weddings:

1. persons who are related to the newlyweds in the first degrees, and
2. persons of one other household.

In addition to the group of persons referred to in sentence 1, other persons may also participate if compliance with the limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 6 sentence 2 is ensured.

(6) The execution of blood drives and the operation of blood donation services are permitted. In doing so, it is necessary to ensure that donors who reasonably could have infection are already identified at the beginning and do not receive an appointment or leave the facility immediately. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3, the limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 6 sentence 2, and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 7 sentence 2 apply.

(7) Subject to conditions, exceptions to the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 6 may upon request be granted by the competent county administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority, insofar as this is justifiable in individual cases from the point of view of infection protection law and the purpose of this Ordinance is not impaired.

### **Part 3 Worship**

#### **§ 4**

(1) Church services by religious communities or congregations of faith, in particular in churches, mosques, synagogues and other prayer rooms or, meetings that are required for self-organization or legislation are permitted subject to protective measure, in particular adherence to the distance

requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 for persons who do not fall under the contact restrictions pursuant to § 2 para. 1.

(2) The religious communities or congregations of faith ensure that chains of infection can be traced quickly and completely for a period of one month. They are obliged to cooperate with the competent public health authority with regard to contact tracking in the event of infections.

(3) The wearing of a cover over mouth and nose is to be planned for participants. Excluded are clergypersons as well as lecturers, prayer leaders, cantors and pre-singers subject to additional safety measures, specified in the infection protection concepts of the religious or faith communities. Performances of choirs is prohibited. Congregational singing should be avoided. During outdoor services the mask obligation does not apply.

(4) The religious communities or congregations of faith or their umbrella organizations create infection protection concepts, which regulate the details of protective measures, in particular ensuring contact tracking, and submit them to the competent public health authority upon request.

## **Part 4 Economy**

### **§ 5**

#### **Prohibition of opening or carry out**

It is prohibited to open or to carry out

1. clubs, discotheques, hookah bars and similar facilities.
2. trade fairs, amusement parks, fairs, and similar facilities,
3. places of prostitution, brothels and similar establishments
4. public or private swimming and fun pools in enclosed rooms, saunas, thermal baths, wellness facilities, and similar facilities,
5. coach tours, boat tours, group holidays, and similar tourist offers,

### **§ 6**

#### **Conditions for opening up**

Opening of public or commercial facilities, in particular

1. retail establishments, pharmacies, medical supply stores, banks and savings banks, post offices, dry cleaners, laundrettes, gas stations, motor vehicle and truck sales including the relevant spare parts trade, bicycle trade, bookshops, newspaper and magazine sales, and similar facilities,
2. stands at weekly markets, flea markets, specialty markets and similar markets where different goods are offered,
3. home depot, horticultural and pet supply markets, and similar facilities,

4. wholesale trade,
5. libraries, libraries and archives, internet cafes, and similar facilities,
6. museums, exhibitions, galleries, and similar facilities
7. memorials, and similar facilities
8. historical and cultural monuments, and similar facilities
9. casinos, gambling halls, bet agencies, and similar facilities

is permitted subject to observance of protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3, the mask obligation pursuant to § 1 par. 2 sentence 2, and the limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 6 sentence 2 apply. The limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 6 sentence 2 does not apply on stands at weekly markets.

(2) Zoological gardens, zoos, botanical gardens, and similar outdoor park-like facilities shall be open for outdoor use, provided that the protective measures are met, in particular the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3, and that strict access control is carried out, for example by pre-sale of a limited ticket quota.

(3) On playgrounds and in baby swimming pools in outdoor pools, the distance requirement pursuant to § para. 2 has to be observed as far as possible.

#### § 7

##### Service Providers and Craftsmen Enterprises

(1) Service providers and craftsmen enterprises are permitted to pursue their activities subject to compliance with the necessary protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 has to be observed if the nature of service allows for it.

(2) If the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 cannot be observed due to the nature of service, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 2 applies if the nature of service allows for it. Personal care services, in particular in hairdressing salons, barber shops, foot care facilities, nail studios, beauty shops, massage parlors, tattoo studios, piercing studios and similar facilities, may only be provided after prior appointment; additionally the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 7 sentence 2 applies.

(3) All health care facilities remain open under observance of the necessary hygiene and safety measures. The mask obligation pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 2 applies to patients when waiting together with other persons.

#### § 8

##### Catering trade

(1) Opening of the following facilities, subject to compliance with the protective measures:

1. restaurants, eateries, refectories, cafes and similar facilities,
2. ice cream parlors, ice cream cafes and similar establishment,
3. Vinotheques, tasting rooms and similar facilities,

4. Offers of day trips on excursion boats, including the gastronomic offer, and similar facilities.
- (2) There is an obligation to reserve or register. The requirement to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 7 sentence 2 applies to contact details of all guests.
- (3) Opening hours for the facilities are limited from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Consumption of food and beverages has to be exclusively at tables. Bar and counter areas can be opened and used for the sale and delivery of food and beverages however, these areas are closed to guests.
- (4) A free choice of seating by guests is not permitted. No more than those persons who are not covered by the contact restriction in § 2 para. 1 may sit at the same table. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 applies with the proviso that the distance of at least 1.5 meters between the chairs at one table and the chairs at the next table always has to be guaranteed.
- (5) The mask obligation pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 2 applies; for guests of the establishment, this is only explicable directly at the table.
- (6) Used crockery (cutlery, glasses, plates, etc.) has to be cleaned in a dishwasher at a temperature of at least 60 degrees.
- (7) For canteens only providing for the supplies of the institution are opened subject to observance of protective measures.
- (8) Take-away, delivery and drop-off services as well as street sales are opened subject to observance of necessary protective measures. In particular the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 and for employees of the facility as well as for customers the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 2 applies. Consumption of purchased food is not permitted in a direct spatial context to the facility.

## § 9

### Hotel industry, accommodation establishments

- (1) Opening of the following facilities subject to compliance with protective measures:
1. hotels, hotel garni, guesthouses, inns, and similar facilities
  2. holiday homes, holiday apartments, private quarters, and similar facilities
  3. hostels, recreation, holiday and training homes, holiday centers, and similar facilities
  4. campsites, motorhome pitches, caravan parks and similar facilities, insofar as the camping units used, motorhomes and similar facilities have their own sanitary facilities
- (2) There is an obligation to reserve or register. The requirement to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 7 sentence 2 applies to contact details of all guests. The obligation to retain pursuant to § 30 para. 4 of the Federal Registration Act remains unaffected.
- (3) In all publically accessible areas of the facility the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 and the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 2 applies. By access

control the person who runs the facility has to prevent the accumulation of persons in publically accessible areas of the facility or areas reserved for guests that are used by a majority of persons.

(4) For the gastronomic offers of the facility § 8 applies accordingly. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the provision of services by the proprietor of the facility or the offer of leisure activities.

(5) The use of public restrooms in the facility is permitted subject to compliance with the necessary protective measures. The use of common sanitation facilities is not allowed.

(6) Only persons who are not covered by the contact restriction pursuant to § 2 para. 1 may check into a common accommodation unit.

## § 10

### Use of means of transport, school transport.

(1) In particular the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 2 shall apply when using local and long-distance public transport and commercial passenger traffic at airports and associated facilities like for example staying at stops, on platforms or at air traveler check-ins. Sentence 1 also applies to exempted student transport and other passenger transport in accordance with the Exemption Ordinance of 30 August 1962 as amended as well as to taxi and rental car services. Ticket sales by the driver are only possible if there are separating divider in the vehicles.

(2) Transport of students in accordance with § 69 of the School Act (SchulG) shall not be refused on the ground that these do not wear a cover over mouth and nose.

(3) The operation of cable cars, chairlifts and similar facilities can be carried out in compliance with protective measures in accordance with paragraph 1.

## **Part 5 Sports**

### § 11

(1) Joint training in popular and recreational sports, not covered under competitive sport in paragraph 2, is permitted. To this end, the use of facilities and equipment is permitted on owner's consent subject to compliance with protective measures, with the exception of closed facilities pursuant to § 5 No. 4.

(2) Subject to compliance with protective measures, the operation of public and private sports facilities and sports facilities, even those within the meaning of § 5 No. 4 for training purposes of top-class and professional sport shall be permitted. Top-level and professional sport within the meaning of sentence 1 applies to:



1. Olympic and Paralympic national squad athletes (Olympic squads, perspective squads, junior squads 1), who train at federal bases, recognized state training centers and state bases,
2. professional teams of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> national leagues of all sports,
3. economically independent, non-club-bound or non-associated professional athletes without federal squad status

(3) In order to reduce the transmission risk of the coronavirus SARS-Cov-2 when exercising under paragraph 1 and 2, it is imperative to note that

1. training sessions may only take place without spectators;
2. during the entire training period distance requirements pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 are maintained; this does not apply to those person not covered by the contact restrictions pursuant to § 2 para. 1; training of match and competition situations where direct contact is required or possible is prohibited;
3. hygiene requirements are observed and kept, in particular with regard to disinfection of used sports and training equipment;
4. when using outdoor swimming and fun baths as well as doing exercise in enclosed rooms, in particular in dance schools, gyms, and similar facilities, the limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 6 sentence 2 and the obligation to record contact pursuant to § 1 para. 7 sentence 2 apply; where an increased aerosol emissions are to be expected due to the type of exercise, a minimum distance between persons of 3.0 meters shall be observed.

(4) Under the conditions of paragraphs 1 to 3, outdoor sports with a tourist character, such as climbing gardens, mini golf courses, summer toboggan runs and similar offers, are permitted.

(5) Teams of the 1st and 2nd Soccer League as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Men's League are permitted to carry out training, competitions and matches notwithstanding the other provisions of this Ordinance. This only applies if the organizational, medical and hygienic requirements of the concept for training and match operation drawn up by the Task Force "Sports Medicine/ Special Game Operations in Professional Soccer" of DFL Deutsche Fußballliga GmbH (version 2 of 1 May 2020), which is published on its website, are implemented.

## **Part 6 Education and Culture**

### § 12

Schools, State study seminars for teaching posts

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§ 13  
Child day care facilities

Childcare facilities

(1) All day care facilities shall provide limited childcare in form of care settings. Care setting means a pre-determined group of children, who meet regularly with the same children in a facility. The transition from emergency day care to limited day care will be provided by 8 June 2020. Until completion of the change, emergency day care will be provided especially for children with special needs, insofar as the operation of the daycare centers is indispensable for the care of these children and adolescents, as well as for the persons referred to in § 12 (2) sentence 2. It must be ensured that the purpose of this ordinance is not affected. The closures of childcare facilities due to individual decrees remain unaffected.

(2) The limited care offer in day care facilities in the form of care settings is open to all children who are already registered in a day care center. Accepting new children is permitted. Each care setting will be assigned clearly defined locations and the staggered use of e. g. functional rooms by different care settings is possible. During the transition period from emergency care to limited care, attendance in existing emergency day care groups can be changed and new care settings can be formed. A care setting comprises a maximum of fifteen children. If a care setting has only children of the age 2 and under, then for this group a maximum number of ten (10) children is permitted.

In the context of the limited childcare for all children, adequate care settings shall be granted for children starting school after the summer holidays as well as day care emergencies especially for single parents and in case both parents have a fulltime position. (...)

(3) Persons who are already infected with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 or are living in the same household with infected persons, shall not receive emergency care. The same applies to persons who have entered Germany IAW § 19 as long as there is an obligation to separate; the exceptions in § 20 are not applicable.

(4) In addition, persons with acute or chronic respiratory symptoms of considerable severity or frequency shall not be admitted to the facility, unless special hygienic measures can be taken. Clause 1 shall also apply to persons living in one household with persons who suffer from acute respiratory symptoms.

§ 14  
Universities, extracurricular education, training and further education

(1) Research activities and teaching in small groups at colleges, universities, and publicly funded non-university research institutions can be allowed subject to compliance with protective measures. For courses the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 7 sentence 2 apply.

(2) Educational programs offered in public or private institutions outside the general and vocational schools with the exception of singing lessons, as well as youth work programs and youth social work are permitted, provided that at least comparable requirements to the "Corona Hygiene Plan for the Schools in Rhineland-Palatinate" of 21 April 2020 as amended, published

on the website of the Ministry of Education, are kept. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 7 sentence 2 apply. § 11 applies accordingly to sports and exercise activities in public and private facilities outside general and vocational schools.

(3) Paragraph 2 also applies to appropriate educational opportunities for individuals and to measures taken by service providers to provide employment integration benefits in accordance with Title Two of the Social Code or measures of active employment promotion according to Title Three of the Social Code, in addition to labor market policy projects, supported by national funds or funds of European Social Fund.

(4) Practical training courses offered by driving and flight schools are exempt from the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3 insofar as it cannot be complied with. In such a case only the learner driver and the driving instructor as well as additional required persons during the driving test or, as part of the driving instructor training, a driving instructor candidate shall be in the vehicle. During practical driving lessons and the driving test itself the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 2 applies to all persons staying together in the vehicle. Sentences 1 to 3 also apply to the training and further education of officially certified experts or examiners for the motor vehicle traffic or their auditing.

(5) Holiday care measures are permitted, provided that at least comparable requirements to the "Corona Hygiene Plan for the Schools in Rhineland-Palatinate" of 21 April 2020 as amended, published on the website of the Ministry of Education, are kept.

## § 15 Culture

(1) Subject to compliance with protective measures, public and commercial cultural institutions are opened, in particular

1. cinemas, theaters, concert halls, cabarets and similar facilities
2. circuses and similar facilities operating outdoors,

The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 1 sentence 3, except for persons who do not fall under the contact restrictions pursuant to § 2 para. 1 and the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 2 as well as the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 7 sentence 2 apply.

(2) During the showing or performance any consumption of food at the place is not allowed. Leaving the place during the performance is only allowed for urgent reasons.

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## **Part 7 Hospitals and similar Institutions**

§ 16

Visiting and access arrangements for special institutions

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§ 17

Hospitals

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§ 18

Registration

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**Part 8**

**Quarantine Measures for Arrivals and Returnees**

§ 19

Arrival from third countries

(1) Persons entering Rheinland-Pfalz by land, sea, or air from a country outside the European Union, the European Economic Free Trade Area, the United Kingdom or Northern Ireland (Third Country) are, after entry, required to resort to their own domicile or another suitable dwelling without delay and by direct route and to stay continuously isolated there for 14 days after entry. Sentence 1 also applies to persons who entered another state of the Federal Republic of Germany or the European Union, the European Economic Free Trade Area, the United Kingdom or Northern Ireland at first. The persons mentioned in sentence 1 and 2 are not permitted to receive visits from persons who do not belong to their household during the period stated in sentence 1. Sentence 1 does not apply if a different epidemiological assessment has been made on the basis of reliable medical evidence

(2) Persons who have entered in accordance with para 1, sentence 1 and 2 from a Third Country, are required to contact the authority responsible for them and alert them that the requirement pursuant to para 1 exists. Furthermore, they are required to notify the responsible office immediately if symptoms of the disease appear.

(3) During the isolation period the persons referred to in para 1, sentence 1 and 2, shall be subject to surveillance by the responsible authority.

(4) Paragraphs 1 to 3 also apply to persons entering the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate from a state or region for whom the Federal Government, in its situational report has listed a high number of new infections in the previous seven days in relation to the population (more than 50 cases per 100,000 inhabitants cumulatively in the last seven days), based on the statistical evaluations and publications of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

(5) Paragraphs 1 to 4 shall also apply to persons who are newly admitted to a reception center for asylum seekers in the country or readmitted after a prolonged absence. Under § 47 of the Asylum Act, persons obliged to reside in such a reception center are obliged to inform the institution of the reception center immediately if symptoms of illness occur and to move to assigned, suitable accommodation. The host facility shall inform the competent authority of this matter without delay

(6)

Paragraphs 1 to 4 shall also apply to persons who enter the Federal Republic for the purpose of starting work for at least three weeks, irrespective of the country of origin, provided that special occupational hygiene measures and contact prevention arrangements are taken outside the working group at the place of their accommodation and activity during the first 14 days after their entry. The employer shall indicate the commencement of work to the competent authority before it begins and shall document the measures taken in accordance with sentence 1. The competent authority shall verify compliance. Rooms shall only be occupied with a maximum of half the usual occupancy capacity; this restriction does not apply to families.

## § 20

### Exceptions

(1) Not included in § 19 are persons

1. transporting persons, goods, or commodities across borders by road, rail, sea or air for professional reasons
2. whose activities for maintaining
  - a) the functioning of the public health care system
  - b) public safety and order
  - c) fostering of diplomatic and consular relations
  - d) the functioning of the judiciary (including notary offices and law firms)
  - e) the functioning of popular representation, government and administration at federal, state, and the local level
  - f) the functioning of the European Union institutions and international organizations

is absolutely necessary; the absolute necessity must be checked and certified by the employer,

3. who stayed outside the Federal territory performing their occupation as employees of air, ship, rail or bus transport companies or as crew of airplanes, ships, trains, and busses

Beyond this, the responsible authority may grant further exemptions in justified individual cases upon request where the epidemiological situation in the country of origin appears to be comparable to the one in the Federal Republic of Germany or it is predominantly probable that transmission is excluded.

(2) § 19 does not apply to members of the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement personnel returning from their missions or mission like duties abroad. § 19 also does not apply to members of foreign Armed Forces if they are stationed within the area of applicability of this ordinance.

(3) Furthermore, § 19 does not apply to persons who enter the area of application of this Ordinance only for transit; these persons must leave the area of application of this Ordinance directly. The required passage through the area covered by this ordinance is hereby permitted.

(4) Paragraphs 1 through 3 only apply insofar as the persons named therein do not show any symptoms indicating an infection of the SSARS-Cov-2 coronavirus within the meaning of the current criteria issued by the Robert-Koch-Institute.

## **Part 9 General Provisions**

### § 21

General Orders of the county administrations, in district-free cities of the city administration as county regulatory authorities for the control of the Coronavirus SARS-VoV2 in accordance with the Infection Prevention and Control Act are to be issued in agreement with the competent Ministry for Public Health.

## **Part 10 Administrative Fines, Entering into Force, Expiration**

### § 22

An administrative offence within the meaning of § 73 para. 1 (a) No. 24 of the Infection Prevention and Control Act is committed by anyone who intentionally or negligently

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§ 74 IfSG [Infection Prevention and Control Act] remains unaffected.

### § 23

#### Entry into force, expiration

This Decree shall enter into force on 27 May 2020 and shall expire at the end of 9 June 2020.

Done at Mainz on 25 May 2020

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The Minister for Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography

