

## TRANSLATION

### **Fifteenth Corona Control Ordinance Rhineland-Palatinate (15<sup>th</sup> CoBeLVO) of 8 January 2021 (as amended on 22 January 2021)**

Based on § 32 sentence 1 in connection with § 28 para. 1 sentence 1 and 2, § 28a para. 1 and § 29, and § 30 para. 1 sentence 2 of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (...) as amended by Article 4a of the Act, dated 21 December 2020 (...) 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 other persons and to keep the circle of persons to whom closer or longer contacts as constant as possible. Private gatherings held in one's own dwelling or other closed premises shall be limited to members of their own and one person of another household; children up to and including 6 years of age may be excluded in determining the number of persons. The parent not belonging to the same household is permitted to continue exercising his parental visitation right. Insofar as required by compelling personal reasons, in particular if adequate care for minors or persons in need of care is not feasible, taking full advantage of all reasonable possibilities, the presence of several persons of another household is permitted. Where possible, assemblies should preferably be held outdoors. Persons with symptoms of a respiratory infection (in particular cough, cold symptoms, fever) should stay at home if possible, they are generally to be denied access to facilities, events, and gatherings.

(2) When meeting other persons in public, a minimum distance of 1.5 meters shall be kept, unless otherwise stated in this Ordinance (**distance requirement**). Sentence 1 also applies if a mouth-nose cover is worn. Sentence 1 does not apply to contacts at which persons shortly have to meet, *e.g.*, use of public transportation as well as voluntary work to provide for the population.

(3) A mouth-nose covering shall be worn in enclosed rooms, which are publically accessible or open to visitors or customers. Additionally, this applies to all places open to the public, including in open-air public spaces, where people meet either in a confined space or not only temporarily. The determination of the places referred to in sentence 2 and the determination of a temporal scope of the obligation to wear a mouth-nose covering is the responsibility of the competent district administration, in district-free cities of the city administration as a county regulatory authority. Besides that a mouth-nose covering shall be worn insofar as this Ordinance stipulates it (**mask requirement**).

(4) The distance requirement and the mask requirement do not apply to

1. children up to the age of six are exempt.
2. 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. communication with persons with a hearing or visual impairment or for identification purposes or in connection with the performance of judicial tasks as long as it is necessary,
4. employees of the facilities, if other appropriate protective measures are taken or as long as there is no contact to customers or visitors.

(5) 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, in particular to control access, for example, by affixing clearly visible distance markings at a distance of at least 1.5 meters. In waiting situations the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 shall apply.

(6) In public or commercial facilities special hygiene measures should be provided, such as the provision of disinfectants, increased cleaning intervals, separating devices and similar measures.

(7) Insofar as this Ordinance requires a limitation of persons, in a facility

- a) having a customer or visitor accessible store size of up to 800 sqm, there is total of no more than 1 person per 10 sqm of customer accessible store size,
- b) having a customer or visitor accessible store size or more than 801 sqm, there is on a size of 800 sqm no more than 1 person per 10 sqm of customer or visitor accessible store size, and on the size exceeding 800 sqm no more than 1 person per 20 sqm of customer or visitor accessible store size.

**(limitation of persons)**

(8) The proprietor of the facility or the initiator of an assembly or other gathering has to ensure contact traceability, where expressly required in this Ordinance. If contact details are provided to the person obliged to collect data, they must be truthful and allow for contact tracking (**contact recording**). Contact details, ensuring accessibility of the person (name, first name, address, telephone number) as well as the date and time of the person's presence, have to be recorded in compliance with data protection law. The person obligated to collect the data has to verify that the provided contact details are complete and whether they contain obviously incorrect information (**plausibility check**). Persons who refuse to provide their contact details or who provide obviously incorrect or incomplete information shall be excluded from visiting or using the facility or participating in an assembly or get-together by the proprietor of the facility or the initiator of an assembly or other gathering. Those obliged to collect data shall ensure that unauthorized persons do not become aware of the data collected. The data shall not be used for any purpose other than the delivery upon request to the competent health authority and shall be deleted four weeks after collection. 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. 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.

(9) The hygiene concepts published on the website of the State government ([www.corona.rlp.de](http://www.corona.rlp.de)) have to be observed as amended. If no hygiene concepts for individual facilities or measures are published on the website of the State government or the departmental ministries, hygiene concepts of comparable facilities or life conditions shall apply accordingly.

(10) Exemptions from the provisions of paragraphs 2 to 8 may, in justified individual cases, be granted, upon request and subject to conditions by the competent district administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority, insofar as the level of protection is comparable, this is justifiable from an epidemiological point of view, in particular taking into account the current infections, and the purpose of this ordinance is not affected.

## **Part 2**

### **Assemblies, events and accumulation of persons**

#### **§ 2**

(1) The stay in public space is only permitted alone or with members of one's own and one person of another household; children up to and including 6 years of age may be excluded in determining the number of persons. The parent not belonging to the same household is permitted to continue exercising his parental visitation right. § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 does not apply. Insofar as required by compelling personal reasons, in particular if adequate care for minors or persons in need of care is not feasible, taking full advantage of all reasonable possibilities, the presence of several minor persons of another household is permitted.

(2) Permitted are:

1. assemblies 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 education, examinations or care
2. assemblies at offices and institutions carrying out public tasks.

§ 1 para. 2 sentence 1 does not apply to assemblies pursuant to sentence 1. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies.

(3) Subject to conditions, in particular the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 as well as the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, gatherings in open air may be permitted by the competent authority under the Assembly Act, provided that this is justifiable in individual cases from an epidemiological point of view.

(4) Assemblies of persons intended to serve the maintenance of public security and order, the administration of justice (including Notars and law firms), the preparation and conduct of public elections, in particular constituency conferences and representative assemblies, the holding of blood donation appointments, the conduct of examinations at higher education institutions and the conduct of competitions for restricted courses of study, in particular study aptitude tests, or the provision of services of essential supply are permitted taking into account the general protective measures pursuant to § 1. In institutions serving in the administration of justice (including notaries and law firms) and in case of accumulations for the administration of justice, a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 is to be worn in general when in contact with other persons.

(5) At accumulations of persons, the following persons may participate as mourners at funerals:

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 as well as their spouses, or civil partners, 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. 7 is ensured. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 shall apply.

(6) 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 or second degrees as well as their spouses, or civil partners, and
2. persons of one other household.

All persons present, with the exception of the persons to be wed, are subject to the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4.

(7) Meetings of self-help groups belonging to a welfare association of the LIGA of Free Welfare Care in Rhineland-Palatinate e.V. or registered in the databases of the Members of the KISS LAG and deal with coping mental stress situations, an own illness or a relative's illness are allowed subject to compliance with the general protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 shall apply.

(8) Any further assembly of persons or events in public spaces or in rented or made available rooms, not covered in special provisions of this Ordinance, is prohibited subject to the right of self-organization of the Landtag and the local authorities.

(9) The consumption of alcoholic beverages in public spaces is prohibited.

(10) Exceptions to the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 8 may upon request and on a justified case-by-case basis be granted by the competent county administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority, insofar as the level of protection is comparable, this is justifiable from an epidemiological point of view, in particular taking into account the current infections, and the purpose of this ordinance is not affected.

### **Part 3 Worship**

#### **§ 3**

(1) Church services by religious communities or congregations of faith, or meetings that are required for self-organization or legislation are permitted subject to general protective measure, in particular adherence to the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1. Community or choral singing is not permitted. If several services are held in succession, a period of at least one hour between the end and the beginning of the respective service should be kept free. The use of instrumental music without increased aerosol output is permitted.

(2) The religious communities or congregations of faith ensure that chains of infection can be traced quickly and completely for a period of four week. Church services and gatherings by religious communities or congregations of faith having the character of a larger event are prohibited. A registration requirement shall be introduced for gatherings where visitor numbers are expected which could lead to reaching full capacity. Religious communities and congregations ensure that gatherings of persons in publicly accessible or reserved areas of the facility, which are used by a majority of persons, are avoided by controlling access. They are obliged to cooperate with the competent public health authority with regard to contact tracking in the event of infections. The competent authority shall be notified with a period of at least two working days prior to any gathering at which more than 10 participants are expected or notified in any other appropriate form, unless other general agreements have been made with the competent authority.

(3) In enclosed rooms the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies, subject to the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 is to be worn by the 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.

(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**

### **§ 4**

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

It is prohibited to open or to carry out

1. clubs, discotheques, and similar facilities.
2. Fairgrounds, fairs and similar facilities,
3. prostitution trade within the meaning of § 2 para. 3 of the Prostitute Protection Act (ProstSchG) of 21 October 2016 (Federal Law Gazette Part I p. 2372) as amended.

### **§ 5**

#### **Conditions for opening up of public or commercial establishments**

(1) Offices, authorities, administrations, institutions serving the administration of justice (including notaries and law firms), licensing offices, construction, industrial and recyclables establishments or similar public bodies may open in compliance with the general protective measures, unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance. Upon prior order pick-up, take-out and delivery services of public facilities are permitted subject to compliance with the general protective measures.

(2) Commercial establishments are closed to customer traffic unless otherwise provided for in this Ordinance. Upon prior order pick-up, take-out and delivery services are permitted subject to compliance with the general protective measures.

(3) Excluded from the closure pursuant to paragraph 2 sentence 1 are:

1. retail establishments for food, direct marketers of food, beverage markets, drugstores, baby markets,
2. stands on weekly markets whose range of goods is in accordance with the permissible retail establishments,
3. pharmacies, medical supply stores, health food shops,
4. gas stations,
5. banks and savings banks, post offices,
6. cleaners, laundrettes,
7. sale of newspapers and magazines,
8. animal supply and feed markets;
9. wholesale.

Where a facility offers other goods or services in addition to the goods or services referred to in sentences 1, this is permissible provided that the further range of goods or services does not form the main point of the assortment for sale or offer.

(4) Particularly in waiting situations, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, subject to the proviso that a medical

face mask (OP mask) or mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 is to be worn, and the limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 apply in the facilities referenced in paragraphs 1 and 3 in enclosed rooms as well as outdoors, subject to the provisions § 2 para. 4. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 also applies in the immediate vicinity of the facility or on parking lots. The limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 does not apply

1. to agencies and institutions performing public service tasks
2. on stands at weekly markets pursuant to paragraph 3 sentence 1 No. 1 as well as
3. in face-to-face consultations, if only persons belonging to a maximum of two households are in one room

## § 6

### Restrictions on services, ban on operations

(1) In all workplaces and establishments and learning locations pursuant to § 5 para. 2 No. 6 BBiG respectively § 26 para. 2 No. 6 HwO, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies. Sentence 1 does not apply between the persons employed there, provided that the minimum distance of 1.5 meters within the meaning of § 1 para. 2 can be observed at the respective place of work or permanent establishment. Occupational health and safety provisions remain unaffected.

(2) Service providers and craftsmen enterprises are permitted to pursue their activities subject to compliance with the general protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 as well as the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 have to be observed.

(3) If the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 cannot be observed due to the nature of service, like in barber shops, hair salons, cosmetic studios, wellness massage practices, tattoo or piercing studios and similar facilities, the activity is prohibited. Services for hygienic or medical reasons are permitted, such as opticians, hearing care professionals, foot care facilities, podology, physiotherapy, occupational and logo therapies, in the case of rehabilitation sports and functional training within the meaning of § 64 para. 1 No. 3 and 4 Ninth Book of the Social Code or the like. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies, if the nature of the service permits. Additionally, the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 shall apply.

(4) All medical treatments are allowed. Health care facilities remain open under observance of the necessary hygiene and safety measures. In waiting situations together with other persons the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 shall apply.

## § 7

### Catering trade

(1) Closed are catering facilities, particularly

1. restaurants, eateries, bars, pubs, cafes, hookah bars, 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.

Pick-up, delivery and drop-off services as well as street sales (no serving of alcohol) and outlet/producer sales are permitted. The general protective measures, particularly the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 and the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 apply.

(2) Canteens and refectories which exclusively supply the facility concerned are open only in accordance with the sentences 2 to 6 and subject to observing the general protective measures. Consumption of food and beverages on the premises of the canteen or refectory in daycare centers and schools shall be permitted in accordance with the protective measures in force in those establishments. Otherwise, it is only permitted if the working procedures or the spatial situation of the establishment or facility so require. In the cases referred to in sentence 3, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 shall apply. The mask obligation pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 is only waived at the seat. Otherwise, paragraph 1 sentence 2 and 3 apply accordingly.

## § 8

### Hotel industry, accommodation establishments

(1) Closed are accommodation establishments, particularly

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.

If necessary, they may only open to non-tourist travel, in compliance with general protective measures.

(2) The obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 applies to the 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. 2 sentence 1 as well as indoors the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 apply. 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) The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 apply to the



gastronomic offers for the supply of non-tourist travelers in the facility. The mask obligation pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 is only waived at the seat. The other provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the provision of services, leisure, sports, and wellness activities.

## **§ 9**

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

- (1) General protective measure, in particular the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 subject to the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 is to be worn, 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. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on public transportation is prohibited.
- (2) Transport of students in accordance with § 69 of the School Act (SchulG) or § 33 of the Private School Act (PrivSchG) shall not be refused on the ground that these do not wear a mask.
- (3) The operation of cable cars, chairlifts and similar facilities can be carried out in compliance with protective measures in accordance with paragraph 1.
- (4) The performance of coach trips, boat trips or similar offers is prohibited.

## **Part 5**

### **Sports and Leisure Time**

## **§ 10**

### **Sports**

- (1) Training and competition in amateur and leisure sports in team sports and in contact sports are prohibited. On and in all public and private sport complexes sporting activities in individual sports in amateur and leisure sports is only permitted outdoors and only alone, in pairs or with persons belonging to the same household. In addition, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 applies throughout the entire sporting activity. Spectators are not allowed; except for first or second degree relatives at sporting activities of minors.
- (2) Swimming pools and fun pools, saunas, thermal baths, gyms, dancing schools, and similar facilities are closed.
- (3) Training and competition of professional and top-level sport is permitted on public and private sports facilities, provided that a hygiene concept drawn up by the sports federations or league managers is available and complied with. Spectators are not allowed. Top-level and professional sport within the meaning of sentence 1 are practiced by:

1. Federal and State squad athletes in Olympic disciplines (Olympic squads, perspective squads, supplementary squads, junior squad 1, junior squad 2, state squads) as well as federal and State squad athletes in Paralympic disciplines (Paralympic squads, perspective squads, team squads, junior squad 1, junior squads 2, State squads) which are recognized by the relevant federal or state federations.

2. teams of all Olympic and Paralympic sports of the 1st-3rd leagues as well as the regional league in men's football. In addition, professional teams in non-Olympic and non-Paralympic sports. Professional sport is the paid full-time activity of professional athletes in corporations or in the commercial enterprises of clubs.

3. teams of the highest leagues of the youth and junior age group U 17 or older as well as players of the Federal and State squads of the age groups U 15 and U 16, provided that the teams or players train at a young professionals performance center certified by the competent top professional association.

4. economically independent, club unaffiliated or association unaffiliated professional athletes without federal squad status, as well as

5. other athletes who have already qualified for the upcoming European and World Championships or who can qualify in 2020 or 2021.

## § 11 Leisure Time

(1) Closed are:

1. trade fairs, special markets, and similar facilities
2. amusement parks and similar facilities
3. zoological gardens, zoos, botanical gardens, and similar facilities
4. gambling hall, casinos, bet agencies and similar facilities.

Notwithstanding sentence 2 No. 4, betting agencies can be entered for a short period of time for placing bets; the operator shall take appropriate measures to ensure that there is no further lingering beyond.

(2) On playgrounds, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 has to be observed if possible. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies to any adults present.

## **Part 6**

### **Education and Culture**

#### **§ 12**

##### **Schools, State study seminars for teaching posts**

- (1) School activities including school sports shall take place according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Education in agreement with the ministry responsible for health affairs. The "Hygiene Plan-Corona for Schools in Rhineland-Palatinate", published on the website of the Ministry of Education in its current version, is to be applied; this includes the obligation to wear a mask according to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 as well as the contact tracing obligation according to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 in accordance with the "Hygiene Plan Corona for Schools in Rhineland-Palatinate". If the regular lessons cannot be provided as an in-school tuition format due to the requirements laid out in sentences 1 and 2, the schools shall fulfill their educational and training mission through an educational program, which can be partaken in from home. Compulsory school attendance remains in force and is also fulfilled by partaking in the educational program which can be completed from home. Students, who do not attend on-site classes due to infection protection reasons, are to be provided with an educational program to be completed from home.
- (2) For the period up to February 14, 2021, all school events, in particular in-class teaching, shall be cancelled at all schools in Rhineland-Palatinate with the exception of the "Abitur" examinations and other examinations that cannot be postponed; examinations for final school examinations for non-students can also be held. Paragraph 1 sentences 4 and 5 shall apply. Emergency care shall be provided in accordance with Para. 6. The ministry responsible for school and education affairs shall decide in consultation with the ministry responsible for health affairs on any regional or state-wide opening of individual school types and grade levels for in-class teaching that deviates from the first sentence.
- (3) In addition to the regulations in paragraph 1, the obligation to wear a mask in accordance with § 1 Para. 3 Sentence 4 shall apply at all schools also during lessons; students who are unable to wear or tolerate a mask due to their disability are exempt from this requirement in special education schools without further verification. Further exemptions from the obligation to wear a mask can be made for reasons of school organization or personal reasons to the extent necessary and for a limited period of time. This applies in particular during sports lessons and during breaks outdoors, for eating, and during examinations and course work. § Section 1 (4) Nos. 1 to 3 applies accordingly, provided that in case adherence to the mask requirement is impossible or unreasonable, this shall be shown credibly by a medical certificate which must as a minimum clearly state the reasons of the medical diagnosis and the reasons why the wearing of mouth/nose covering constitutes an unreasonable burden in the specific case. The fact that the medical certificate was presented, the doctor who issued it, and the period of validity of the certificate, if any, of the certificate may be documented in the student's file. Copying is not permitted. In the cases of sentence 2, a minimum distance of 1.5 meters to other persons must be maintained. Further details are regulated in the "Corona-Hygiene-Plan for Schools in Rhineland-Palatinate".
- (4) The regulations for exemption from the obligation to wear masks apply accordingly to any exemption of students from the obligation to participate in on-site lessons.

(5) Deviations from the regulations stated in paragraph 1 are possible for schools in independent sponsorship; they require the approval of the school authority.

(6) As long as the measures pursuant to paragraph (3) are valid, emergency school care shall be established. Students with special educational needs, or whose home learning circumstances are not sufficiently supportive, and students in grades 1 to 7, for whom care at home cannot be provided or can only be provided in part, can make use of the emergency care. Insofar as students make use of the emergency care in schools, an educational program adapted to the circumstances is to be implemented. Students, teachers and other persons in the emergency care are also subject to mask obligation laid out in § 1 Para. 3 Sentence 4.

(7) The conduct of in-class lectures and examinations at the state teacher education seminars for teachers shall comply to the requirements of the ministry responsible for teacher education and teacher training and shall be carried out in compliance with the "Corona-Hygiene-Plan for the teacher training colleges in Rhineland-Palatinate", published on the website of the Ministry of Education in its current version.

(8) The provisions of paragraphs 1 to 4 shall apply accordingly to schools for healthcare professions under the State Act on Healthcare Professions of July 7, 2009 (GVBl. p. 265, BS 2124-11), as amended, and to nursing schools under section 1(1) nos. 2 and 3 of the State Act on the Implementation of the Nursing Professions Act of June 3, 2020 (GVBl. p. 212, BS 2124-13), as amended. Only digital programs are permitted.

## § 13

### Child day care facilities

(1) At all day care centers, "urgent need care" for children whose parents are unable to provide care is provided.

(2) Reference is made to the "Guidelines in Times of Corona - Transition to Regular Operation" dated July 10, 2020 and "Common hygiene recommendations for regular operation in Child Day Care Facilities in Rhineland-Palatinate from August 1, 2020" dated July 3, 2020 and "Notes on the election of the parents' committee", published on the website of the German State Government website ([www.corona.rlp.de](http://www.corona.rlp.de)), in their respective valid versions.

(3) Persons with existing SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection or who are a household member of an infected person, must refrain from attending the facility. In addition, the regulation of § 1 para. 1 sentence 6 applies to day-care facilities for children. Household members of category I contact persons according to the definition by the Robert Koch Institute, who also show symptoms of COVID-19 disease, must stay away from the facility.

(4) Young people and adults accessing the facility or coming to the facility for pick-up/drop-off, are subject to mask obligation in accordance with § 1 Para. 3 Sentence 4. Notwithstanding § 1

(4) No. 1, the obligation to wear a mask shall not apply to children in the daycare facility caring for them even after they have reached the age of six; this does not apply to school children in day care pursuant to § 6 of the Day Care Centers Act of March 15, 1991 (GVBl. p. 79, BS 216-10), as amended. The mask obligation according to sentence 1 does not apply to staff working in the facility during their teaching activities with the children under their care or if exceptions

according to § 1 para. 4 nos. 2 and 3 apply or if the minimum distance of 1.5 meters between the persons specified in sentence 1 is maintained at all times.

(5) As a rule, the election of the parents' committee shall be conducted as a postal vote if consistent compliance with the general protective measures, in particular the distance requirement pursuant to Section 1 (2) sentence 1, cannot be ensured on site. Eligible voters, who cannot attend the voting events for epidemiological reasons, in particular persons as defined in Paragraph 3 or Section 1 Paragraph 1 Sentence 64, shall be given the opportunity to vote by postal ballot.

## § 14

### Universities, extracurricular education, training and further education

(1) If research and teaching activities at universities and publicly funded non-university research institutions do not take place digitally, the general protective measures shall be observed. The universities have to develop hygiene concepts for their institutions. In particular apply the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 can be deviated from if the research or teaching activity makes this absolutely necessary, especially if the subject field contains practical elements for which compliance with the distance requirement is not possible.

(2) Educational programs offered in public or private institutions outside the general and vocational schools as well as outside of learning locations pursuant to § 5 para. 2 No. 6 Vocational Training Act (BBiG) of 4 May 2000 (BGB. I p. 920) as amended or § 26 para. 2 No. 6 Handcrafts Code (HwO) amended on 24 September 1998 (BGBl. I p. 3074; 2006 I p. 2095) as amended, which due to apprenticeship regulations or private agreements are an integral part of a training relationship in accordance with the Vocational Training Act and the Handcrafts Code, are only digitally allowed. Deviations on sentence 1 concerning regional or State-wide opening of individual institutions for in class learning are decided by the Ministry responsible for the relevant field of education in agreement with the Ministry responsible for health matters. Notwithstanding sentence 1, in public and private institutions non-deferrable examinations pursuant to § 37 and § 48 BBiG as well as pursuant to § 31, § 39, § 45 and § 51a HwO or comparable federal or state law regulated and non-deferrable tests as well as the preparatory measures compellingly required to carry out these tests, also, for example, in inter-company vocational training centers, are allowed in physical presence subject to the general protective measures. The same applies to non-deferrable tests carried out on the basis of an ordinance pursuant to § 53, § 54 or § 58 of the BBiG or § 42 or § 42j HwO. § 12 para. 1 sentence 2 and para. 3 sentence 2 to 7 apply accordingly. § 10 applies accordingly to sports and exercise activities in public and private facilities outside general and vocational schools.

(3) Paragraph 2 sentences 1, 3 and 3 also apply 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) Offers from driving schools and the training and further education of officially recognized experts or examiners for motor vehicle traffic or their auditing and for flight schools are not permitted in physical presence format. Excluded from this are offers from driving schools with regard to vocational training as well as offers from training providers for professional driver qualification. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 as well as the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 apply with the proviso that a medical face mask (OP mask) or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 is to be worn. During practical training, the minimum distance requirement does not apply if it cannot be complied with. Only the driving student and the driving instructor are allowed in the vehicle, as well as an examiner added during the driving test.

(5) Offers of youth work and youth social work are only permitted individually.

## § 15 Culture

(1) Closed are public and commercial cultural institutions, in particular  
1. cinemas, theaters, concert halls, cabarets, museums, and similar facilities  
2. circuses and similar facilities.

(2) Rehearsal and performance of the grassroots and amateur culture is prohibited. Extracurricular music lessons are prohibited when conducted in physical presence.

(3) The rehearsal as well as performances without an audience for recording or transmission of professional cultural offers is permitted, subject to compliance with the general protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 between the participating persons can be reduced during the rehearsal or performance without audience; this does not apply to the rehearsal as well as performances without an audience for recording or transmission of choirs, vocals, wind orchestras, trombone choirs and other ensembles with wind instruments. Activities that lead to increased aerosol emissions should, where possible, take place outdoors.

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

### § 16 Visiting and Access Arrangements for Special Institutions

(1) Facilities pursuant to Section 23 (3) No. 1 and 3 to 7 IfSG, except hospices, may not be entered for the purpose of visiting patients.

(2) Access to

1. Specialist hospitals for psychiatry with the exception of specialist hospitals for Gerontopsychiatry,
2. Psychosomatic specialist hospitals and
3. Specialized child and adolescent psychiatric hospitals, each including the associated day hospitals, shall be decided by the management of the respective institution.

(3) Paragraph 1 shall not apply to

1. Parents visiting their minor child
2. The spouse, life partner, fiancée, other close relatives or individuals close to the patient *(Connotation: The state government states in the applicable FAQ's: "individuals close to the patient" can be neighbors or friends with whom the resident had regular contact even before the Corona pandemic. This group of people can also include voluntary employees of the facility or an organization outside the facility with whom the resident has close and familiar contact.)*
3. Pastoral workers who visit the institution in this function,
4. Lawyers and notaries who visit the institution in this capacity
5. Legal guardians, insofar as personal contact is required to fulfill the tasks assigned to them in accordance with § 1896 of the German Civil Code; authorized representatives are legal guardians equal,
6. Other persons to whom access must be granted by virtue of sovereign duties,
7. Therapeutic or medically necessary visits.

(4) Paragraph 3 shall not apply to persons who

1. Are contact persons of categories I and II as defined by the Robert Koch Institute,
2. Are already infected with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2
3. Have recognizable respiratory tract infections, or
4. Have entered the country in accordance with § 19 as long as there is an obligation to separate; the exceptions of § 20 are not applicable.

(5) The facilities shall, in individual cases, also subject to conditions, permit exceptions to the prohibition of entry under paragraph 1 or to the restriction under paragraph 4 if a special legitimate interest exists. A special legitimate interest exists in particular when accompanying the seriously ill or dying or accompanying births. The facilities must take the necessary hygienic protective measures and monitor compliance with them. Minors under 16 years of age and persons with recognizable respiratory tract infections are not allowed to enter a facility according to paragraph 1.

(6) Employees of a facility as named in paragraph 1, who have direct contact to patients of the facility due to their profession and who have been in isolation according to § 1 No. 3 of the State Ordinance pertaining to the isolation of persons with confirmed or suspected corona virus SARS-CoV-2 disease and their household members and contact persons dated December 8, 2020 (GVBl. S. 682, BS 2126-17) in the respective current version, may only enter the facility in the first four days after the termination of the isolation only when a molecular biological testing by polymerase chain reaction for coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (PCR test) has a negative result. The evidence according to sentence 1 is to be provided on paper or electronically in German, English or French. The swab underlying the test result according to sentence 1 is only to be conducted after the termination of the isolation. Sentences 1 and 3 are also true for household members according to § 1 No. 4 of the State Ordinance pertaining to the isolation of persons with confirmed or suspected corona virus SARS-CoV-2 disease and their household members and contact persons, category I contact persons according to § 1 No. 5 of the State Ordinance pertaining to the isolation of persons with confirmed or suspected corona virus SARS-CoV-2 disease and their household members and contact persons and contact persons, whose isolation has ended before the termination of fourteen days after a positive test of a household member or the last contact to a person tested positive because a PoC antigen test has shown negative results.

(7) If entry to a facility referred to in paragraph 1 is permitted under the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3 and 5, appropriate measures must nevertheless be taken to ensure that employees and other persons in the respective facilities are not endangered.

## § 17 Hospitals

(1) Hospitals included in the Hospital Plan of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate 2019 to 2025, the University Medical School of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz and hospitals with a care contract pursuant to Section 109 of Book 5 of the Social Security Law (Sozialgesetzbuch), which were equipped with intensive care beds with ventilation capability as of April 29, 2020, and which are registered and listed in the register of the German Interdisciplinary Association for Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine (DIVI Register), have to reserve their intensive care beds with ventilation capability to the extent necessary, but in each case at least 20 % of their capacity and the treatment capacities of normal care in isolation wards to the extent necessary, including the personnel required for care and treatment, at all times for the care and treatment of patients with COVID-19 disease.



(2) Should an increase in the reproductive rate of infections with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2 make this necessary according to the determination of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography, the hospitals referred to in paragraph 1 shall, within 72 hours after this determination, organize and maintain additional intensive care beds with ventilation facilities, including the personnel necessary for care and treatment, for the care and treatment of patients with a COVID-19 disease.

(3) The hospitals shall draw up individual organizational concepts that allow for a dynamic adaptation of capacities to the infection occurrence and shall notify the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography of these concepts.

(4) The coordination in the five supply areas according to the Hospital Plan of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate 2019 to 2025, a continuous monitoring of the occurrence of infections, in particular of the current development of the infection rates and the reproduction rate of the information of the DIVI Registry, as well as the continuous exchange of information with the cooperating hospitals of maximum and priority care in the five supply areas shall be carried out in close coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography, by the hospitals to which this has been delegated by the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography in its decision of 30 March 2020 as a special task.

## § 18

### Recording of Treatment Capacities

(1) For the central state-wide information of the state government and for the coordination of the treatment capacities, all institutions active in the care of patients with a COVID-19 disease have to record continuously, at least once a day, the COVID-19 case numbers, the occupied and available intensive care beds as well as the occupied and available ventilation places and report these data electronically to the information system "Central Statewide Treatment Capacities (ZLB)" of the states of Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland and to the COVID-19 Register Rhineland-Palatinate.

(2) The management of facilities in accordance with paragraph 3 which have equipment suitable for the invasive or non-invasive ventilation of humans (ventilators) are obliged to report the following to the health authority responsible for their facility without delay

1. The name and address of the institution
2. The number of their ventilators,
3. The manufacturer and the type designation of their ventilators,
4. Information on the functionality of your ventilators,
5. Contact persons and contact details, so that the equipment is ensured, and
6. Any change with regard to the reported data on numbers 1 to 5. The facilities referred to in paragraph 3 Nos. 4 and 5 shall be exempt from the reporting obligation pursuant to

sentence 1 provided that they have already submitted this information in another appropriate form to the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography.

(3) Facilities within the meaning of paragraph 2 sentence 1 are in particular:

1. Facilities for outpatient surgery,
2. Inpatient and outpatient preventive or rehabilitation facilities,
3. Dialysis facilities,
4. Authorized hospitals according to § 108 of the Fifth Book of the Social Security Code,
5. Private hospitals in accordance with § 30 para. 1 sentence 1 of the German Trade, Commerce and Industry Regulation Act (Gewerbeordnung), unless they are at the same time an approved hospital in accordance with § 108 of Book 5 of the Social Security Code,
6. Treatment or supply facilities which are connected to any of the establishments listed in points 1 to 5 or comparable with hospitals,
7. Facilities for outpatient deliveries according to § 24 f of the Fifth Book of the Social Security Law,
8. Medical and dental practices,
9. Practices of other human medical health care professions,
10. Veterinary hospitals and similar institutions,
11. Medical supply stores and
12. Health and nursing care insurance companies.

(4) The public health authorities are obliged to forward issue notifications according to paragraph 2 sentence 1 No. 6 immediately to the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography.

## **Part 8**

### **Quarantine Measures for Arrivals and Returnees and Group-related Measures**

#### **§ 19**

##### **Isolation for arrivals and returnees, observation**

(1) Persons entering Rheinland-Pfalz by land, sea, or air from abroad who, at any time in the 10 days prior to entry, have been in an area classified as a risk area within the meaning of § 2 para. 17 IfSG with an increased risk of infection with the SARS SARS-CoV-2 (risk area) at the time of entry, are, after entry, required to resort to their main or secondary dwelling or to any other accommodation enabling isolation without delay and by direct route and to stay continuously isolated there for 10 days after entry; this also applies to persons who entered another state of the Federal Republic of Germany at first. During this period, persons mentioned in the sentence 1 are not permitted to have visits from other persons who do not belong to their household.

(2) Persons covered by paragraph 1 sentence 1 are obliged to inform the competent Public Health Office without delay if typical symptoms of infection with coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste occur within ten days of entry.

(3) During the isolation period the persons referred to in paragraph 1, sentence 1 shall be subject to surveillance by the responsible Public Health Office.

(4) Persons who are newly admitted to a reception center for asylum seekers in the country or readmitted after a prolonged absence, are obliged to move to an assigned accommodation and to isolate there permanently for a period of 10 days. 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 occur, indicating an infection with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2 in accordance with the current criteria of the Robert Koch Institute, to move to assigned, suitable accommodation and to stay continuously isolated there until the presentation of a test result about a possible infection with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2. The host facility shall inform the competent Public Health Office of this matter without delay. The reception center may at any time assign new accommodation areas to the persons concerned and may allow exceptions from the requirements under sentences 1 and 2.

(5) Persons who are newly admitted to a reception center for asylum seekers in the country or readmitted after a prolonged absence shall immediately after admission at the request of the competent Public Health Office or the reception institution present a medical certificate in accordance with sentences 2 and 3 that they have no evidence of the presence of an infection with the Coronavirus SARS CoV 2. The medical certificate must be in writing in German, in English or in the French language. The underlying test must meet the requirements of the Robert Koch Institute, published on the internet at the address <https://www.rki.de/covid19-tests>. The testing shall not have been carried out more than 48 hours prior to admission to the reception facility. If such a certificate is not presented, the named persons are obliged to tolerate the medical examination for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2. This includes a molecular biological test for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2, including a smear for the extraction of the sample material.

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Exceptions

(1) § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to

1. persons who enter the State of Rhineland-Palatinate only for transit; they have to leave the territory of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate on the fastest way to complete the transit.
2. persons transporting across borders persons, goods or merchandise by road, rail, ship or air for professional reasons, subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts, or
3. stays of less than 72 and subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts hours, concerning persons, whose activities are urgently necessary and indispensable for the maintenance of health care, and this is certified by the employer or client,

(2) Unless they are arrivals who have stayed in a virus-variant area within the meaning of § 3 para. 2 sentence 1 No. 2 of the Corona Entry Ordinance of 13 January 2021 (BAnzAT 13 January 2021 V1) as amended, § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to

1. persons who have spent less than 72 hours in a risk area or who enter the Federal Republic of Germany for up to 24 hours from a risk area,
2. stays of less than 72 hours concerning
  - a) persons entering on the basis of visiting first-degree relatives, a spouse or partner not belonging to the same household, or shared custody or parental visitation,
  - b) high-ranking members of the diplomatic and consular service, of people's representatives and governments, subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts, or
3. persons, subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts,
  - a) residing in the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate who, for the purpose of practicing their profession, studies or training, go to their place of occupation, study or training in a risk area and return regularly, at least once a week, to their place of residence (outbound cross-border commuters); or
  - b) who have their residence in a risk area and who, for the purpose of practicing their profession, studies or training, go to the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate and return to their place of residence regularly, at least once a week (inbound cross-border commuter);

The absolute necessity as well as compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts shall be certified by the employer, the client or the educational institution.

(3) Unless they are arrivals who have stayed in a virus-variant area within the meaning of § 3 para. 2 sentence 1 No. 2 of the Corona Entry Ordinance, § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to

1. persons, whose activity is indispensable for keeping up

- a) the functioning of the health service, in particular doctors, nurses, supportive medical staff and 24-hour care personnel;
- b) public safety and order;
- c) the maintenance of diplomatic and consular relations;
- d) the functioning of the administration of justice (including Notars and law firms);
- e) the functioning of the representation of the people, the government and the Federal, State, and municipalities administration; or
- f) the functioning of the institutions of the European Union and of international organizations;

the indispensability must be certified by the employer or client,

2. persons who enter

- a) for visiting first or second degree relatives, the spouse or life partner not belonging to the same household, or for exercising shared custody or parental visitation
- b) for an urgent medical treatment or
- c) in support or care for a person in need of protection or assistance.

3. persons who return as law enforcement personnel from their mission or mission like duties abroad.

4. persons who have been for up to 5 days based on absolute necessary and urgent professionally caused reasons, due to their training or studies in a risk area or who enter the Federal territory, the absolute necessity and urgent professional cause shall be certified by the employer, client or the educational institution.

5. persons who are accredited by the respective organizing committee for the preparation, participation, implementation and follow-up of international sporting events or who are invited by a federal sports federation to take part in training and training activities,

6. persons who return as vacationer from a risk area and who took a test at their holiday destination with a negative result in relation to an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 immediately before returning, provided that:

- a) based on an agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and the local national government concerned, special epidemiological precautions (protection and hygiene concept) have been taken for a holiday in this risk area (see, website of the Federal Foreign Office [<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de>] as well as the Robert Koch Institute [<https://www.rki.de>]),

b) the infection situation in the relevant risk area does not stand against non-compliance with the obligation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1, and

c) the Foreign Office did not issue a travel warning for the affected region due to an increased risk of infection under <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/ReiseUndSicherheit/reise-und-sicherheitshinweise>, or

7. persons, who arrive for study or training purposes for a stay of at least three months; this has to be certified by the employer or the educational institution.

Sentence 1 only applies to persons who have fulfilled the obligations applicable to them pursuant to § 3 para. 1 sentence 1 or paragraph 2 sentence 1 No. 1 of the Corona Entry Ordinance and who submit the medical certificate or test result on the absence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 immediately upon request within ten days of entry to the competent authority. The test result in accordance with the sentence 2 shall be kept for at least ten days after entry.

(4) (3) Unless they are arrivals who have stayed in a virus-variant area within the meaning of § 3 para. 2 sentence 1 No. 2 of the Corona Entry Ordinance, § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to

1. persons subject § 54 a IfSG

2. members of foreign forces within the meaning of the NATO Status Forces Agreement, the NATO Partnership for Peace Status of Forces Agreement (PfP SOFA), and the European Union Status of Forces Agreement (EU SOFA) who enter or return to Germany for official purposes, or

3. persons who, for the purpose of taking up work for at least three weeks, enter the Federal territory, 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 10 days after their entry, which are comparable to isolation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1, and the abandonment of accommodation is only permitted for the performance of their activity; the employer shall inform the competent authority before the work starts and shall document the measures taken, the competent authority shall verify compliance.

(5) In justified cases, the competent Public Health Office may, upon request, allow further exceptions in the event of a valid reason.

(6) Paragraphs 1 to 5 apply only if the persons referred to therein do not experience typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2 such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste. If within 10 days of entry persons subject to paragraph 1 No. 2 or No. 3 or the paragraphs 2 to 5 experience typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2, such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste, such a person shall immediately consult a doctor or a test center for a test for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

## § 21 Shortening of Isolation Period

- (1) The isolation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 shall end no earlier than the fifth day after entry, if a person has a medical certificate or test result regarding the absence of an infection with coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 on paper or in an electronic document in German, English or French and submits it to the competent Public Health Office immediately upon request within ten days of entry.
- (2) The test underlying the medical certificate or test result referred to in paragraph 1 shall not have been carried out until five days after entry into the Federal Republic of Germany. The underlying test must meet the requirements of the Robert Koch Institute, published on the internet at the address <https://www.rki.de/covid19-tests>
- (3) The person shall keep the medical certificate or test result pursuant to paragraph 1 for at least 10 days after entry.
- (4) Isolation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 is suspended for the duration necessary to carry out a test referred to in paragraph 1.
- (5) If within 10 days of entry a person subject to paragraph 1 experiences typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2, such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste, that person shall immediately consult a doctor or a test center for a test for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.
- (6) Paragraphs 1 to 5 shall apply to persons subject to § 20 para. 4 No. 3 mutatis mutandis.'

## § 22 Group-related Measures

In the case of special group-related work and accommodation situations, in particular seasonal workers who work and live in groups or who travel for the purpose of taking up an activity in a group, the employer has to notify the competent authority before work commences. The employer shall take and document special occupational hygiene measures and arrangements for contact avoidance outside the working group based on the relevant technical standards, in particular in accordance with the competent professional association. 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.

## **Part 9 General Decrees**

### **§ 23**

(1) 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-CoV2 in accordance with the Infection Prevention and Control Act are to be issued in agreement with the competent Ministry dealing with health matters. Insofar as this Ordinance contains more specific protective measures than general orders pursuant to sentence one, those general orders shall be replaced and repealed by this Ordinance.

(2) Paragraph 1 sentence 1 does not apply to general orders which regulate the local and temporal scope of a mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 3.

(3) Counties and county-free cities with a high number of new infections within seven days relating to 100,000 inhabitants (7-day incidence) according to the Robert Koch Institute's publications, in agreement with the Ministry of Health, will coordinate in agreement with the competent Ministry dealing with health matters additional protective measures beyond this Ordinance with the aim of achieving an incidence of no more than 50 new infections per 100,000 inhabitants per week by 14 February 2021.

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

### **§ 24**

#### **Administrative offences**

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

[No. 1 to 90. - not translated]

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

### **§ 25**

#### **Entry into force, expiration**

This Decree shall enter into force on 11 January 2021 and shall expire at the end of 14 February 2021.

Done at Mainz on 8 January 2021

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The Minister for Social Affairs, Labor, Health and Demography