

General decree in the city of Cottbus / Chósebus on compulsory testing in day-care centers, child-day-care centers and schools from 19th March 2021

Dear Sir and Madam,

On the basis of Sections 28, 28a, 33 IfSG in conjunction with Section 26 (1) SARS-CoV-2 containment ordinance of 6th March 2021, the following general decree is issued:

From 22nd March 2021 the following rule applies until further notice:

1. All employees who work in day-care centers, after-school care centers and child-day-care centers in the urban area of the City of Cottbus / Chósebus must test themselves twice a week for the SARS-CoV-2 virus using a PoC-Antigen rapid test or a corresponding certified self-test and this must be documented in accordance with the annex to this general decree.

Those children who have completed their first year of life and who attend the facilities named in Section 1 must have themselves tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus once a week using a PoC-Antigen rapid test or a corresponding certified self-test and that is to be documented in accordance with the annex to this general ruling.

The first test must be carried out within 48 hours. When using a test center (e.g. family doctor, pharmacy), the certificates issued there will be recognised.

2. All teachers and other employees who work in a school in accordance with Section 16 of the Brandenburg Schools Act and are privately owned in the urban area of the city of Cottbus / Chósebus must take a PoC-Antigen rapid test twice a week or

corresponding certified self-test for the SARS-CoV-2 virus or have it tested and this must be documented in accordance with the annex to this general decree. This does not apply during the period of legally mandated statutory school holidays, quarantine or illness.

Those pupils who visit the facilities named in Section 2 must have themselves tested or tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus once a week using a PoC-Antigen rapid test or a corresponding certified self-test, and this must be documented in accordance with the annex to this general decree. Pupils who visit the after-school care center at the same time need to be tested only once a week.

The first test must be carried out within 48 hours. When using a test center (e.g. family doctor, pharmacy), the certificates issued there will be recognised.

3. In the case that the compulsory testing in Sections 1 and 2 is not carried out or is not carried out properly, those persons are prohibited from entering the facilities named in Sections 1 and 2 until the proof of the corresponding testing has been provided to the respective facility manager.

Pupils who are banned from the facilities shall be taught exclusively at a distance.

4. Children or pupils who want to return to the respective facility from an officially ordered quarantine must submit a negative PoC-Antigen rapid test, which must not be older than 48 hours, or a PCR test result: "SARS-CoV- 2: not proven ", which is preferably not older than 72 hours, to the respective facility management prior to the visit.