Factsheet for case NO-2020-11/757

Schools and kindergarten open to personnel in critical society functions

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Country	Norway, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 13 March 2020 - 27 April 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Support for essential services – Mobilisation of a larger workforce
Case created	21 April 2020

Background Information

To maintain operations in the health and care services and other critical society functions during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Norwegian Directorate of Health made exceptions to the closure order of kindergartens and educational institutions. Managers of childcare centres and headteachers in primary schools were required to provide a service for children of healthcare personnel, personnel in the transport sector or within other critical society functions. Parts of the kindergarten and school services has thus been open to keep personnel critical to society in service.

Content of measure

In order to stop the spread of Covid-19 and to contribute to the maintenance of necessary health and care services, the Norwegian Directorate of Health has issued, according to the Infection Control Act, a decision to close schools and other educational institutions with effect from 16 Mars 2020. However, to maintain operations in the health and care services and other critical society functions, and to avoid the use of people in risk groups for babysitting, the Norwegian Directorate of Health made exceptions to the closure order. Managers of childcare centres and headteachers in primary schools were required to provide a service for children of healthcare personnel, personnel in the transport sector or within other critical society functions. The same applies to children with special care needs that cannot be taken care of when childcare, school or other day care facilities are closed. The emergency response committee considers the following 15 functions to be critical to society: Government and crisis management; Defence; Law and order; Health and care services; Rescue services; IT security in the civilian sector; Nature and environment; Security of supply;

Water and wastewater; Financial services; Power supply; Electronic communication services; Transport; Satellite-based services; Pharmacies.

Use of measure

No information to date.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	particular professions parents	No special funding required

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Direct consultation

Social partners have been consulted regularly during design and implementation of the measure.

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific.

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
D - Electricity, Gas, Steam And Air Conditioning Supply	D35 Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
H - Transportation And Storage	H49 Land transport and transport via pipelines
	H50 Water transport
	H51 Air transport
	H53 Postal and courier activities
J - Information And Communication	J61 Telecommunications
	J62 Computer programming, consultancy and related activities

	J63 Information service activities
K - Financial And Insurance Activities	K64 Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding
	K65 Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security
	K66 Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities
O - Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	O84 Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
Q - Human Health And Social Work Activities	Q86 Human health activities
	Q87 Residential care activities
	Q88 Social work activities without accommodation

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 13 March 2020: The Norwegian Directorate of Health has issued a decision to close schools and other educational institutions (www.helsedirektoratet.no)