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To all citizens of the Municipality of Kechnec

Dear fellow citizens, children and youth,

I am addressing you by means of a written material, in which I would like to draw your attention to the issues of compliance with the prescribed principles in the current difficult situation regarding the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19 disease.

Not only in our Municipality of Kechnec, but also in Europe and all over the world, we are at risk of contracting the coronavirus COVID-19 disease. Everywhere in the world, this virus is spreading at a rapid pace. This coronavirus COVID-19 disease threatens the health of all of us regardless of age and sex. However, the chronically ill citizens and the older generation are most at risk. At present, treatment options are minimal, since direct medicines (medicine for treatment of COVID-19 disease) are not available and have not been scientifically discovered yet.

Therefore, we must do everything possible for preventing possible disease. But in order to be able to prevent this catching and contagious disease, first of all, we must be disciplined and must be considerate of ourselves and our surroundings and respect the principles of hygiene and disinfection (wash our hands several times a day, disinfect door handles, do not gather, do not organize family and other social events).

The Municipality of Kechnec itself ensures the respective tasks according to its possibilities. First of all, we have focused us on the educational facilities, such as the kindergarten, the elementary school, further on the social and health complex, the sports complex and the Municipal Office itself. These are the premises visited by a large number of persons, where the rate of a possible infection was and is still high. Gradually, but to a large extent, we have ensured and keep ensuring the full operation and supply of drinking water and of waste water treatment, as well as the removal of municipal waste. We also provide effective disinfection of the above mentioned large-scale premises – by spraying.

Further, disinfection works are being implemented in the form of painting the internal walls of the entire building of the social and health complex. We have neither restricted nor stopped the operation of the school canteen, as we continue providing food for our senior citizens, including its distribution, at the same time complying with the principles of hygiene and disease prevention.

You have the opportunity to see on a day-to-day basis that all the above mentioned tasks are fulfilled by specific persons, who keep performing their duties in this difficult situation, many times even at the risk of their own health and safety.

We are not in the habit of waiting and relying on the instructions of the higher authorities. Independently and at our own expense, we have carried out very extensive and many times expensive operations in a step-by-step manner in order to make everyone feel safe.

However, all our efforts, the efforts of the Mayor of the Municipality of Kechnec, of the employees of the Municipal Office, including the members of the Municipal Council, in all spheres of activities, will only remain a well-meant intention without results, if all of us, citizens of the Municipality of Kechnec, will not be behaving in a consistent manner as responsible, united, well integrated and mutually tactful persons.

Only this common effort of all of us can lead us to success – which in this case means to manage this situation and thus to prevent the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease.

I want to draw the attention of all of us to the fact that here in the countryside we still have many opportunities for protecting us actively. Specifically, in our Municipality of Kechnec, we have a number of options that stem many times from the knowledge, creativity and skills of individuals – of persons who are able to contribute to dealing with this struggle. Let us not be afraid to take advantage of it. In many households there are electric or mechanical sewing machines, traditional needles and threads, so please do not hesitate and start sewing the basic personal protective elements – the face masks made in domestic conditions. We can also involve schoolchildren who are at home and can practice the skills they have learned during work practice at school. A needle, a ball of thread and some suitable fabric can surely be found in every household. After all, in the past, our ancestors sewed all their articles of clothing only manually. Let us not hesitate and do not let us be blackmailed by offers of overpriced face masks.

I regret to inform you that the Municipality of Kechnec was so far not successful in securing the basic personal protective elements (face masks), due to the fact that the delivery times for purchasing them are endlessly long. We cannot estimate how many pieces and where will we be able to buy them for a reasonable price.

In conclusion of my letter, I would like to express my hope and belief that by working together, we all will be capable to successfully manage defending us against this infectious disease COVID-19.

I would like to ask you to be responsible, attentive and considerate in relation to all members of your families, neighbours and fellow citizens. Let us perceive each other and support one another. Let us respect the regulations and abide by the orders and guidelines. In case of acutely urgent official matters we are here for you at the Municipal Office.

Let us wear face masks everywhere (let us cover the area of the nose and mouth in any possible way: in case of need by using a scarf, a piece of cloth, a scarf) to eliminate a possible infection by the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Attached to this letter, we are sending you written guidelines on how to act and behave at home and in public and whom to contact if necessary.

By our joint efforts, by our honest and responsible behaviour, let us contribute to the common managing of the COVID-19 coronavirus epidemic.

With best regards

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Mayor of the Municipality of Kechnec