

UPDATE ON COVID-19 RELATED MEASURES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC*

I. LATEST UPDATE

On Monday, October 26, 2020 the Czech Government has updated and/or introduced new measures related to the Covid-19 pandemics, coming into force on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 00:00 am until the end of the state of emergency until and including November 3.

These include:

- **The free movement of persons is prohibited during night hours from 21:00 (9:00 pm) until 4:59 (4:59 am)** with the main exceptions being:
 - Trips to work
 - Movement related to safety, security, health and emergency measures, including delivery services.
 - Walking dogs within 500 m of a person's residence.
- **The free movement of persons is prohibited during day hours from 5:00 am until 20:59 (8:59 pm)** with the main exceptions being:
 - Trips to work
 - Trip to see family members
 - Trips to buy groceries and daily necessities
 - Trips to medical institutions
 - Trips related to administrative errands
 - Trips to the outdoors, parks, etc.
- In public places, groups of only two persons are permitted with the main exceptions of members of the same household, employees of the same employer, students at educational activities at educational institutions. If possible social distancing of 2 meters must be maintained.
- The contact with other persons must be limited to as much as possible.
- Employers must enable remote work, if possible.
- Restaurants remain closed and take away windows are limited to day hours from 6:01 am – 19:59 (7:59 pm).
- Market sales are prohibited with the exception of farmers' markets, but with the limited number of 20 visitors per 400 square meters. The consumption of food and drink at farmers' markets is prohibited.
- **Stores must close all day on Sundays and opening hours Monday until Saturday are limited to 5:00 am until 19:59 (7:59 pm)**

II. CORE CONTENTS OF PAST GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS

October 21, 2020:

Regulation No.1080

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/13_R_limited-operations-of-public-authorities_1080_21102020.pdf

Regulation No.1079 (substituted by regulation No. 1103 from October 26, 2020)

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/09_R_schools_12102020.pdf

Regulation No.1078 (substituted by regulation No. 1102 from October 26, 2020)

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/09_R_schools_12102020.pdf

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- In public places, groups of only two persons are permitted with the main exceptions of members of the same household, employees of the same employer, students at educational activities at educational institutions. If possible social distancing of 2 meters must be maintained.
- Shops and services in the Czech Republic must remain closed with the main exceptions being:
 - grocery stores
 - drugstores
 - pharmacies
 - laundries
 - flower shops
 - gas stations
- Hotels and other accommodation providers must close just as food courts in shopping centers. The same applies to hairdressers, nail salons, and other venues providing similar services.
- Public office opening hours have been limited to ten hours per week, and all visitors are required to make an appointment in advance.

III. SUMMARY OF CURRENT MEASURES BY AREAS

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- The personal presence of students in university courses and of participants in lifelong education courses is prohibited. The practical and clinical training is an exception.

- Universities can hold exams if there are no more than 10 persons present at one examination time.
- Student dorms should be closed for students who have another place of residence in the Czech Republic. This does not apply to students with mandatory work, medical students helping out in hospitals or involved in training practice. International students are allowed to stay at the dorms.
- All schools with the exception of kindergartens have been switched to distance learning.

FREE MOVEMENT

- People are prohibited to leave their homes after 9 pm until 5 am.

FACE MASKS

- Face masks are mandatory in outdoor locations where people are less than 2 meters apart. People participating in sport activities are exempt from the requirement of wearing masks.
- Face masks are also mandatory for drivers and passengers in cars if they are travelling with someone who is not a member of the same household.
- Wearing a mask in indoor spaces and the public transport remains mandatory.

RESTAURANTS

- Restaurants, bars and similar catering establishments remain closed. They may still operate on a delivery and takeaway basis until 8 p.m.
- It is prohibited to consume alcoholic beverages in public.

STORES:

- Stores must close at 8 pm on Monday until Saturday and remain closed all day on Sundays.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

- Public gatherings of more than 2 people are banned.
- The participation of people at weddings and funerals and subsequent banquets are limited to 30 people.

LEASURE ACTIVITIES

- All concerts, film, theater performances and other cultural events are prohibited.
- Theatres, museums, galleries, cinemas, zoos, fitness centers, indoor swimming pools remain closed.

*** Note: This update is subject to change as governmental regulations change and its purpose is to provide a mere overview of current core measures. The provided information is by no means the exact and complete translation of official governmental statements and regulations. Due to the frequent changes and complexity of governmental regulations, certain irregularities in the here provided updates**

cannot be always prevented. For the complete wording and official updates of Governmental measures please keep checking these sources:

Current measures in force in the Czech Republic
<https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/en/current-measures/>

Resolutions of the Government of the Czech Republic and extraordinary and protective measures of the Ministry of Health

<https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/en/extraordinary-and-protective-measures-and-recommendations/>