

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

I. LATEST UPDATE

The state of emergency has ended on April 11, 2021 and the Czech government will now rely on the pandemic laws to regulate anti-pandemic measures. As a major change, in place from April 12, 2021 onward, the ban on travelling between districts and night curfew has been lifted. The limit for gatherings, however, remains at two persons from different households indoors and outdoors.

CURRENTLY THE FOLLOWING MEASURES APPLY:

1. Free movement:

- The free movement of persons in the Czech Republic is generally re-stored in the country and not any more limited to a person's district of permanent residence/domicile.
- Also, there is no more curfew during night hours.

2. Gatherings and activities:

- Gatherings are still limited to max 2 persons from different households.
- Outdoor sport activities can be conducted in groups of 2 players/athletes with up to 6 groups with a social distancing of 10 meters between them.
- Weddings and funerals remain limited to 15 attending persons.

3. Retail and services

- Stores with non-essential goods remain closed.
- New exceptions for certain stores, which can open are back in place, e.g. for stationary stores and shops with children's clothes and shoes, dry cleaners, laundries, locksmiths, appliance repair stores, stores with car spare parts, etc.
- Store opening hours have been adjusted from 6 am until 10 pm.
- Store delivery of goods ordered from e-shops remains possible.

4. Face masks

- In general, respirators (e.g. FFP2 or KN 95) are obligatory indoors and at all publicly accessible places for people from different households.

5. Restaurants, Accommodation and Cultural activities:

- Theaters, concerts and cinemas, museums, galleries, castles and other sightseeing premises are closed.
- Restaurants are closed and food and non-alcoholic beverages can only be served for take-away from take-away windows
- Accommodation services are closed.

- Ski resorts, ski and cableways are closed and may not be used by neither skiers nor hikers.
- Farmer´s markets are re-opened but no on-site consuming of food and beverages is allowed.
- Outdoor premises of zoos and botanical gardens re-open, if not exceeding 20% of their capacity

6. Educational institutions (Regulation No. 1335):

- Pre-school children return in Kindergarten and faces masks are not mandatory.
- Elementary school childrens at grades 1-5 return to school in a bi-weely rotating modust and are subject to mandatory antigennic testing twice a week and must weare face masks.
- Primary school pupils at grades 6-9, secondary school pupils and university students continue with distance learning only.
- University students in their final year cannot attend practical courses and laboratory exercises yet, as originally as of April 19, 2021, but only consultation in groups up to 6 persons for students with critical academic performance, can be conducted.

7. Vaccination

- Vaccination is now available for persons of 65 years old and over, who register through the [Central Reservation System](#).
- As of March 1, 2021, general practitioners start providing COVID-19 vaccinations.
- From the same date, employees of primary and secondary schools and facilities can register for vaccination. The exact day when vaccination will start for these groups will be specified.
- Free voluntary antigen testing has started from December 16, 2020.
- Voluntary testing for COVID-19 is launched in industrial firms, compulsory testing is being discussed by the Government.

8. Mandatory quarantine

- The mandatory quarantine period for people with a positive COVID-19 test and for those who came into contact with a positive person is extended from 10 to 14 days.
- People who have already received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine do not have to quarantine after they have been in contact with an infected person, i fat least 14 days have passed since the second vaccination dose.

9. Rules for entering the Czech Republic have been re-adjusted as of February:

- It is possible to travel to the Czech Republic only for essential reasons. Travelling for the purpose of tourism, or to visit friends, is not possible. Cross-border workers are not affected by the ban.
- For Czech citizens, their family members, persons with a permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic the entry to the Czech Republic is allowed under certain restrictions, depending on the which zone the country of their arrival is in: low risk, medium risk, high risk or very high risk and whether the travel is underdone by private (e.g. car) or public (e.g. plane) transportation.

- The new detailed rules for entry to the Czech Republic, effective from April 5, 2021 can be found here:

https://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/issues_and_press/mfa_statements/x2021_02_05_overview_new_travel_rules_valid_from_5.html

II. CORE CONTENTS OF MAIN PAST GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS (with links to legal texts when available in English)

(Regulations of March 27, 2021)

No. 315

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/315_Amendment-of-Emergency-Measures_26032021.pdf

No. 314

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/314_state-of-emergency_26032021.pdf

No. 299

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No. 298

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/298_retail-sales_18032021.pdf

No. 297

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/297_prohibition-of-visits-to-all-healthcare-services_18032021.pdf

- The Czech government has approved an extension of the state of emergency for two more weeks, until April 11, 2021 with current lockdown measures in place.

Regulations of March 1, 2021

No. 249

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No. 196

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/196_state-of-emergency_26022021.pdf

- The Czech Government has declared a new state of emergency from February 27 until March 28, 2021 with strict anti-pandemic measures in place, including a limitation of free movement beyond the district of people's permanent residence.
- The night curfew from 9 pm until 5 pm has been re-installed.
- Only up to 2 persons from different households can meet.
- Only stores with essential goods remain open during limited opening hours and people can only leave her homes for work or essential needs.

Regulations of February 14, 2020 (in force from February 15)

No. 167

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/71_social-services_0167.pdf

No. 137

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/79_medical-examinations-0137.pdf

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https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/77_cremations-0136.pdf

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https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/78_critical-infrastructure-0135.pdf

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https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/76_prohibition-of-visits-to-all-healthcare-services-0131.pdf

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https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/72_schools-ii-0130.pdf

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https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/70_schools-0129.pdf

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https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/69_public-authorities-and-administrative-authorities-0128.pdf

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https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/74_free-movement-0127.pdf

No. 126

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/80_retail-sales-and-the-sale-and-provision-of-servicesmalobchod-0126.pdf

No. 125

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/81_STATE-OF-EMERGENCY-0125.pdf

- The Czech government has declared a new state of emergency which will take effect from midnight through the end of February. Most current regulations remain in effect. The decision followed the Czech Republic's regional governors' call for a new state of emergency to be declared in the country for 14 more days. The Czech Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of Parliament, has prior refused to prolong the government's previous state of emergency, casting doubt over the legality of establishing a new state of emergency as a replacement.

Regulations of December 17, 2020 (in force from December 23)

Regulation No. 1374

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/48_prolongation-of-resolutions-1374.pdf

Regulation No. 1373

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/47_state-of-emergency_1373.pdf

- The state of emergency has been extended until January 22.

Regulations of December 14, 2020 (in force from December 18)

Regulation No. 1336

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/44_work-duty-of-students-1336.pdf

Regulation No. 1334

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/40_free-movement-1334.pdf

Regulation No. 1333

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/43_1333.pdf

Regulation No. 1332

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/42_sale-and-services-1332.pdf

- The nightly curfew in place from 11pm until 5am.
- Restaurants, pubs, hotels, swimming pools wellness centers, fitness centers, galleries, museums must **remain closed**. The consumption of alcohol in public spaces is banned.
- Shops, services and salons may **remain open**. In addition, Czech ski resorts are allowed to reopen, however, they will not be able to provide accommodation. Equipment rentals may operate and refreshments are available through a take-away window only.
- Libraries are allowed to be accessed for returning and lending books through a window.
- School winter holidays starts earlier, on Dec. 18 instead of Dec. 22.
- Gatherings are limited to max. 6 people.
- Weddings, funerals and religious services are limited to max. 20 people.
- Free voluntary antigen testing starts from Wednesday, December 16.

Regulations of December 10, 2020 (in force from December 16)

- Restaurants are only allowed to stay open until 8pm
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages in public spaces is prohibited

Regulations of November 30, 2020 (in force from December 3)

- Night curfew is lifted
- Other than stores with essential goods re-open
- Restaurants re-open

- Gatherings of max. of 50 persons outdoors and max of 10 persons indoors allowed.
- Accommodation services re-open

Regulations of November 20, 2020 (in force from November 23, 2020)

Regulation No. 1199

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/31_R_schools-from-30-November_1199.pdf

Regulation No. 1200

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/32_R_free-movement-of-persons_1200.pdf

Regulation No. 1201

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/33_R_shops-1201.pdf

- The night curfew moves to 11 pm instead of the previous 9 pm.
- Stores may stay open until 11 pm. The ban on Sunday sales remains in effect.
- Gatherings of up to 6 people are allowed in public spaces.
- Books from libraries can be borrowed via take-away windows.
- Up to 20 people are allowed to attend church services.
- The number of people at farmers markets is limited to one person per 15 m²

Regulation No. 1195

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/28_R_state-of-emergency-1195.pdf

- The State of Emergency in the Czech Republic has been extended to December 12, 2020.

November 16 2020 (in force from November 18, 2020):

Regulation No. 1192

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/27_R_shops-1192.pdf

Regulation No. 1191

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/26_R_schools-1191.pdf

Regulation No. 1190

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/25_R_free-movement-of-persons-1190.pdf

- First and second grade students of primary school, preparatory classes, and special schools for disabled students return to school. Food service operations and after-school groups can resume; however, music and physical education classes are not allowed to restart yet.
- Compulsory distance learning continues for students of upper grades.
- The number of people in stores is limited to one person per 15 m²

Regulations of October 16, 2020 (in force from October 18, 2020)

Regulation No. 1190

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/25_R_free-movement-of-persons-1190.pdf

- The free movement of persons throughout the Czech Republic from 9:00 p.m. to 04:59 a.m. is prohibited (curfew) with a few exceptions.

Regulations of October 30, 2020

Regulation No. 1116

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/23_R_retail-sales-and-the-sale_1108_30102020.pdf

Regulation No. 1115

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/22_R_visits-to-patients_1115_30102020.pdf

Regulation No. 1114

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/20_R_administrative-authorities_1114_30102020.pdf

Regulation No. 1113

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/19_R_free-movement_1113_30102020.pdf

- The State of Emergency in the Czech Republic has been extended to November 20, therefore the current measures still remain in force.
- Prague's metro system starts to shut down as of 10 pm.
- Regular daytime tram service stops between 10 pm and 10:30 pm. Night trams will start operation at 10 pm, and run at half hour intervals.
- Regular daily bus service also ends between 10 pm - 10:30 pm. Night buses will start at 10 pm, with an interval of 60 minutes.

Regulations of October 26 (in force from October 28, 2020)

Regulation No. 1103

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/15_R_retail-sales_26102020.pdf

Regulation No. 1102

https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/14_free-movement-of-persons_26102020.pdf

- 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)

Regulations of October 21, 2020 (in force from October 22, 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

- The free movement of persons is prohibited 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.
- 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.

* **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/>