

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

The lifting of anti-epidemic measures continues and a further wave of adjustments in the Czech Republic, originally scheduled for July 1, was sped up by the Czech Government and newly will take effect as of June 26. Also, as of June 22, the Czech Republic opens travel to all EU countries, selected non-EU states and the US as well.

THE CURRENT MEASURES ARE THE FOLLOWING:

-Educational institutions

- Educational institutions function again at all levels.
- Students and teachers are no longer required to wear face masks during classes. The face mask duty remains valid during breaks and in common premises, such as corridors and restrooms, at schools and elsewhere.
- At universities and colleges, a negative PCR test not older than seven days or a certificate or statutory declaration about a negative antigen test not older than 72 hours is a sufficient requirement for students to take classes.

-Restaurants, Retail and Services

- Live music is permitted in restaurants and clubs, however dancing is not allowed.
- One person per 10 square meters in retail shops is allowed, the ban on promotion events has been lifted.
- The capacity of swimming pools and wellness centers has been raised to 75 percent.
- The condition of one customer at the hairdressers, beauty parlors, manicure and massage salons has been cancelled. Negative test, proof of vaccination or recovery from Covid-19 is still required.
- See below for entry requirements.

-Gatherings, Events and Sport activities

- The maximum attendance at events is raised to 2000 indoors and 5000 outdoors. The capacity can be filled up to 75 percent in case of indoor event. The percentage of capacity of the outdoor premises for cultural events is no longer limited
- Consumption of food and drinks in cinemas is allowed again
- In galleries and museums one visitor per 10 square meters is allowed. Groups of tourists are allowed to visit castles and chateaus if the participants provide a negative Covid test or a Covid-19 vaccination certificate.
- When entering any place, people must be able to provide one of the following:
 1. a negative PCR test (not older than 7 days) or antigen test from a public sampling center (not older than 72 hours);
 2. a confirmation from the employer or from school of taking a test there;

3. taking a self-test on the spot;
4. a document of undergoing the disease in the last 180 days;
5. a certificate of vaccination (22 days from the application of the 1st dose of a two-dose vaccine or 14 days from the application of the 1st dose of a one-dose vaccine).

-Vaccination

- Vaccination is now available for persons of 16 years old and over, who register through the Central Reservation System.

-Travel Rules

- As of June 22, the Czech Republic new rules for the travel to the Czech Republic are in place and the country is open from travelers from all EU countries, selected non-EU states and the US as well.
- Travel continues to be regulated by dividing countries into different categories. All travelers coming from LOW RISK (green) countries can enter the Czech Republic without any restrictions.
- LOW RISK (green) countries: Albania, Australia, Balearic Islands (Spain), Bulgaria, Finland, Hong Kong, Iceland, Italy, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Macao, Madeira (Portugal), Hungary, Malta, Germany, Norway, New Zealand, Poland , Austria, Romania, San Marino, Northern Macedonia, Republic of Singapore, Slovakia, Serbia, Thailand, Taiwan, USA, Vatican
- For more information, also on other countries, please visit:
https://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/issues_and_press/mfa_statements/x2021_02_05_overview_new_travel_rules_valid_from_5.html
<https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/as-of-june-21st-2021-updated-ministry-of-health-protective-measure-regarding-the-conditions-of-entry-into-the-czech-republic-comes-into-the-force.aspx>
- For rules for traveling to the Czech Republic from the US, see also:
https://www.mzv.cz/washington/en/consular_information/coronavirus_the_czech_government_has.html

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- 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

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- 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)

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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

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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/>