

CURRENT COVID-19 MEASURES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

UPDATE

While the Czech government has further relaxed the current Covid-19 measures with regards to events and activities in response to the declining number of new Covid-19 cases, rules for entering the Czech Republic keep changing as far as the classification of countries as low, medium or high risk is concerned. The changes affect concerts and festivals, the number of spectators at sport events, as well as visits to swimming pools, zoos and exhibitions.

THE CURRENT MEASURES INCLUDE:

- Sport and cultural events

- As of August 1, 2021, up to 7,000 people outside and 3,000 inside are allowed to watch sport and cultural events. All spectators must provide a negative Covid-19 test, or be fully vaccinated, or have undergone Covid-19 in the past 180 days (infection-free status). Persons, who are fully vaccinated or have undergone Covid-19 do not count towards these limit numbers.
- The capacity in the swimming pools is no longer limited, however they can be only used by persons with a infection-free status.
- There is no need to provide an infection-free status at guided caste tours and zoos if the number of tour participants is lower than 20 persons.
- Exhibitions and other similar indoor spaces are able to choose whether they want to keep the limit of visitors per square meter or to fill the capacity to 75 percent

-Vaccination

- Vaccination is now available for persons of 12 years old and over, who register through the Central Reservation System.

-Proof of infection-free status

- As of July 9, the first dose of a Covid-19 vaccination is no longer sufficient to prove infection-free status; instead a two-week interval from the second dose is required (completed vaccination)

- If vaccination is not completed, a person has to have proof of a negative PCR test (valid for 7 days) or a negative AG test (valid for 72 hours) or a certificate that he/she has undergone Covid-19.
- The proof of the infection-free status is necessary when entering events in culture or sports, when using certain services such as accommodation, swimming pools, hairdressing, wellness or when visiting a restaurant.

-Travel Rules

- As of July 31st, 2021, the Ministry of Health updated the Protective Measure regarding the conditions of entry into the Czech Republic.
- Children between 6 to 12 years of age travelling from the countries with a high or a very high risk of COVID-19 transmission may undergo RT-PCR only immediately after their arrival in the Czech Republic and finish self-isolation by obtaining of a negative test result. This age group does not need to be tested before arrival to the Czech Republic any more.
- Applications for long-term visas and long-term residence permits for the purpose of study are again accepted also in the countries with extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission.

For more information on updated rules for entry to the Czech Republic, please visit:
<https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/coronavirus-information-of-moi.aspx>

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(with links to legal texts when available in English)

(Regulations of March 27, 2021)

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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

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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)

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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

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 - 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/>