

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

I. LATEST UPDATE

On Sunday, November 29, 2020 the Czech Government has decided to lift broadly previous measures related to Covid-19 as the epidemiological situation is improving. Hence, from Thursday, December 3, 2020 the level 3 of the introduced 5-stage anti-epidemiological system referred to as PES is in place, which allows for the following:

- Free movement:
 - The free movement of persons in the Czech Republic is re-installed
 - The curfew during night hours is lifted
- Gatherings and activities:
 - Gatherings outdoors are limited to max. 50 persons
 - Gatherings indoors are limited to max. 10 persons
 - Weddings, funerals and church services are limited to max. 30 persons
- Retail and services:
 - stores and service providers may re-open their premises with the limitation of one person per 15 square meters and with distancing of 2 meters on the premises
 - Markets can be held if authorized by local authorities with the exception food consumption on the market and with distancing of 4 meters between market booths.
 - Similar conditions are in place for sport facilities, swimming pools and wellness centers.
- Face masks remain obligatory in all indoor spaces and at selected public spaces (e.g. public transport stations)
- Cultural activities:
 - Theaters, concerts and cinemas remain closed for audiences.
 - Museums and galleries and zoos reopen with at 25% capacity.
 - Castles and sightseeing premises open for individuals and groups of max. 10 persons.
- Restaurants can reopen from 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 50% capacity and a maximum of four guests at a table.
- Accommodation services are available without restrictions.
- Educational institutions:
 - Pre-school institutions, special education institutions and grades 1.-5. and 9. of elementary schools return to face-to-face education
 - The remaining grades of elementary school students attend distance and face-to-face learning in a bi-weekly rotating modus
 - FROM DECEMBER 7, 2020:
 - Middle schools and professional middle schools students can attend distance and face-to-face learning in a bi-weekly rotation modus.
 - Universities and Higher Education institutions remain in the distance learning modus with the exception of first year students.

- **Please note that AAU courses will run in the virtual modus until the end of the fall semester 2020, unless exceptions are approved by respective Deans, who would then inform students forthwith.**

II. CORE CONTENTS OF MAIN PAST GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS

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

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

Regulations of November 20, 2020

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 fore from October 18)

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)

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):

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

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FREE MOVEMENT

- The free movement of people is re-established with exceptions, e.g. visits in health and social services institutions.

FACE MASKS

- Face masks remain mandatory in all indoor spaces, in means of public transportation and selected outdoor spaces, e.g. public transportation stations.

RESTAURANTS

- Restaurants, bars and similar catering establishments re-opened except the time window 10 pm – 6 pm. The capacity of restaurants may only be filled up to 50% with a max of 4 persons at one table.
- It is not prohibited to consume alcoholic beverages in public.

STORES:

- Stores and services re-opened, including Sunday opening hours.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

- Indoors gatherings are allowed up to a max of 10 persons
- Outdoors gatherings are allowed up to a max of 50 persons
- The participation of people at weddings and funerals and subsequent banquets are limited to 30 people.

LEASURE ACTIVITIES

- Audiences at concerts, film, theater performances are prohibited.
- Theatres, museums, galleries, cinemas, zoos, fitness centers, indoor swimming re-opened with capacity restrictions and under social distancing and limitation of persons measures

* **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/>