Czech Republic

Source: European Union/Re-open EU

04.01.2023

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

COVID-19 travel restrictions were lifted in Czechia. Travellers are not required to provide proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or a negative test result.

Learn more:

COVID-19 Portal
Ministry of Interior

11.05.2022

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

COVID-19 travel restrictions have been lifted in Czechia. Travellers are not required to provide proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or a negative test result.

May I transit this country?

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU/Schengen area are exempted from temporary travel restrictions. EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

08.12.2022

Czech Republic - Slovakia

Czech Republic/Slovakia: temporary reintroduction of border control - Update

This Flash Info refers to the **publication on 8 November**, regarding the temporary reintroduction of border control between Czech Republic and Slovakia. **The border controls are extended until 26 December 2022.**

The situation will be reassessed before Christmas to decide for the next steps.

Source: CESMAD

08.11.2022

Czech Republic - Slovakia

Czech Republic/Slovakia: temporary reintroduction of border control - Update

After the **introduction of controls on illegal migration** at the border between Slovakia and the Czech Republic, several hour-long convoys of trucks formed at the border crossing on the D2 highway - Lanžhot/Kúty. **Therefore, from Monday 7 November 2022, the number of checkpoints was increased and access to these checkpoints was modified.**

The controls will be carried out until 12 December 2022.

The Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic and the Police Director ask drivers to respect the instructions of the police at the crossing points to make the passage through the check point as quickly as possible.

Source: CESMAD, IRU

31.10.2022

Czech Republic - Slovakia

Czech Republic/Slovakia: temporary reintroduction of border control - Update

Additionally, for the Czech Republic, land transit is allowed up to 24 hours without any restrictions.

Transit travel rules are suspended for citizens of Ukraine.

National health measures

Most COVID-19 measures have been lifted. Certificates of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result are no longer required to enter indoor venues or attend indoor events. However, respirators and facemasks must still be worn in some settings.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Use of facemasks

Facemasks and respirators must be worn in public transport, hospitals, pharmacies and social services. There are exceptions for children under age 2, and people with intellectual disabilities and severe mental disorders.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

OPEN

Safety measures for public transportation

Respirators and facemasks must still be worn when using public transport.

Places of worship

OPEN

Quarantine

This Flash Info refers to **the publication published on 6 October 2022**, regarding the temporary reintroduction of border control between Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The measure will be extended until 12 December 2022.

Controls will take place on the entire section of the land border with Slovakia, which will be possible to cross without a time limit, however only at specified places. A map is available: **here**.

All border crossings operate in standard mode. Delays are expected at some border crossings (e.g. Lanžhot).

Source: CESMAD

06.10.2022

Czech Republic - Slovakia

Czech Republic/Slovakia: temporary reintroduction of border control - Update

This Flash Info refers to the **publication published on 27 September 2022**, regarding the temporary reintroduction of border control between Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The measure will be extended until 28 October 2022.

Controls will take place on the entire section of the land border with Slovakia, which will be possible to cross without a time limit, however only at specified places. A map is available: **here**.

All border crossings operate in standard mode. Delays are expected at some border crossings (e.g. Lanžhot).

Source: CESMAD

27.09.2022

Czech Republic/Slovakia: temporary reintroduction of border control

Czech government decided to reintroduce controls at the state border with Slovakia, from 29 September 2022 to 8 October 2022. After 10 days, the measure will be evaluated and the government will decide on the next step.

The reason for the measure is the expansion of illegal transit migration to the Czech Republic.

Controls will take place on the entire section of the land border with Slovakia, which will be possible to cross without a time limit, however only at specified places. A map is available: **here**.

The rules for quarantine and isolation, duration and exceptions, are explained on the Covid Portal.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

OPEN

Tourist accommodations

OPEN

Catering establishments

OPEN

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

OPEN

Personal care services

OPEN

Outdoors areas and beaches

OPEN

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https://www.visitczechrepublic.com/en

The exact conditions of the checks will be clarified, however, queues and delays in traffic are expected.

For more information (in Czech only): **here**.

Source: CESMAD

14.04.2022

COVID-19 Update: lifting of the COVID-19 entry conditions in Czech Republic

As of 9 April 2022, the COVID-19 conditions to enter in the Czech Republic have been suspended. Entry into the Czech Republic is no longer subject to any special epidemiological conditions. Additionally, the entry ban for foreigners from third-countries and the obligation to prove the absence of infection have been lifted.

Source: CESMAD

29.03.2022

COVID-19 Update: current measures and exemptions in Czech Republic

Since the last Flash Info publication related to COVID-19 in Czech Republic, restrictions have changed. The rules for entering the territory of the Czech Republic and quarantine measures are defined by the Protective Measure from 18 March 2022 of the Ministry of Health.

International transport workers

International transport workers, provided that the reason for entry is supported by an appropriate document, are exempt from Covid entry conditions.

Entry conditions from EU countries

Persons arriving from EU countries and Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the Vatican b no Covid restrictions for entering the Czech Republic.

Entry conditions from non-EU countries

The conditions for arriving from non-EU countries in which EU+ citizens have stayed for more than 12 hours in the last 14 days:
- Passenger Locator Form;

- EU COVID certificate: vaccination or recovery from covid-19 or negative PCR test not older than 72 hours or antigen test not older than 24 hours;

- Persons without national certificate of vaccination or a certificate of COVID-19 to undergo PCR test after the arrival (between 5th and 7th day).

Information on Tourism at Regional level

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Severovýchod
Jihovýchod
Stední Morava
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11.04.2022

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

COVID-19 travel restrictions have been lifted in Czechia. Travellers are not required to provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result. There are no post-arrival quarantine or testing requirement

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

COVID-19 travel restrictions have been lifted in Czechia. Travellers are not required to provide proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result. There are no post-arrival quarantine or testing requirements.

May I transit this country?

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU/Schengen area are exempted from temporary travel restrictions. EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

Additionally, for the Czech Republic, land transit is allowed up to 24 hours without any restrictions.

Transit travel rules are suspended for citizens of Ukraine.

National health measures

Third-country nationals are not allowed to enter the Czech Republic, with the exceptions of travellers from countries with low risk of Covid-19, according to the protective measure.

More information: here.

Covid measures: here.

List of countries according to the level of risk: here.

Source: CESMAD

14.02.2021

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: The Czech Republic requires COVID-19 tests from goods transport drivers transiting the country

Czech Republic - Germany

As of midnight 14 February the Czech Republic will require a negative COVID-19 test from all goods transport drivers who intend to transit the country on the way to Germany.

According to the Czech legal text, this measure is a response to the fact that Germany included the Czech Republic on the list of “new COVID-19 variant” countries, which implies that drivers of goods transport coming from the Czech Republic, including drivers just transiting the Czech Republic, will be demanded to present a negative test when entering Germany (for more information regarding the German measure see IRU Flash Info of 12 February).

The Czech authorities require a negative Covid-19 test no older than 36 hours. Both PCR and rapid antigen tests are accepted provided they were carried out by an accredited laboratory. The Czech Republic will introduce random checks at borders to verify the compliance with this measure. Drivers transiting the country can also be required to show the test during roadside checks when crossing the Czech Republic.

The text of the law can be found here: https://www.mzcr.cz/zmena-ochranneho-opatreni-v-souvislosti-s-mezinarodni-dopravou-tranzitujici-do-nemecka-s-ucinnosti-od-14-2-2021/

Source: esmad Bohemia

04.02.2021

COVID-19 update: Revised conditions for entry of persons in Czech Republic

The revised conditions for entry of persons to the Czech republic shall come into effect from Friday, 5 February 2021.

These rules apply both to arrivals of foreign nationals and to the return of Czech citizens and residents to the Czech Republic, who were staying for more than 12 hours during the last 14 days in the territories of countries, which are not in the list of countries with a low risk of transmission of COVID-19.

There is a new category in the classification of the countries, **dark red (high-risk) countries,** with the strictest epidemiologic measures applicable to journeys from this category:

- obligation to submit a first PCR test done 48 hours or less prior to the departure;
- to fill the electronic Public Health Passenger Locator Form.
- second PCR test undergone in the Czech Republic (not sooner than the 5th day from the entry).
- the self-isolation is obligatory until the second negative test result is submitted.

Most COVID-19 measures have been lifted. Certificates of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result are no longer required to enter indoor venues or attend indoor events. However, respirators and facemasks must still be worn in some settings.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Use of facemasks

Facemasks and respirators must be worn in public transport, hospitals, pharmacies and social services. There are exceptions for children under age 2, and people with intellectual disabilities and severe mental disorders.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Rules are lifted for indoor and outdoor events with no limit on attendance.

Safety measures for public transportation

Respirators and facemasks must still be worn when using public transport.

Places of worship

Churches are open for religious services with no restrictions.

Quarantine

The rules for quarantine and isolation, duration and exceptions, are explained on the Covid Portal.

Red countries:
- obligation to submit an antigen or PCR test done 48 hours or less;
- to fill the electronic Public Health Passenger Locator Form
- second PCR test undergone in the Czech Republic can be undergone earlier than the 5th day from the entry;
- the self-isolation is obligatory until the second negative test result is submitted.

Orange countries:
- obligation to submit an antigen or PCR test done 48 hours or less;
- to fill the electronic Public Health Passenger Locator Form

Green countries:
- without any entry restrictions.

These measures do not apply to the international transport workers, if the reason for entry is supported by an adequate document. More information about the necessary documents can be found here.

Find the original document here.

The list of low/high risk countries can be found here.

More information can be found here.

The general guidelines can be found in the table attached.



Source : CESMAD

25.12.2020

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: Czech Republic - Temporary derogation of driving and rest time rules for drivers active in international transport

In light of recent developments in the COVID-19 pandemic, the Czech Republic decided on a temporary derogation of driving and rest time rules for drivers active in international transport. These derogations are applicable until 3 January 2021.

The details on which derogations apply can be found in the attached letter from the Czech Ministry of Transport.

Source: Czech Ministry of transport and Cesmad Bohemia

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

OPEN

All shops and service points are open as usual.

Tourist accommodations

OPEN

Tourist accommodations are open with no restrictions.

Catering establishments

OPEN

Restaurants, bars, music and night clubs, casinos and gambling halls are open. It is recommended that patrons disinfect their hands and maintain social distancing.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

OPEN

Outdoor areas and beaches are open as usual.

Personal care services

OPEN

Personal care services are open with no restrictions.

06.11.2020

New electronic vignettes as from January 2021

After 25 years, 2020 is the last year where drivers on Czech motorways will use traditional paper stickers. The State Fund for Transport Infrastructure in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport will launch the electronic vignette system on January 1, 2021.
More information can be found on the document attached.



Source: CESMAD BOHEMIA

05.10.2020

From 21 September 2020 all persons travelling from countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of COVID-19 must contact the regional health authorities before their arrival. The electronic form to do so is available here: https://plf.uzis.cz/. This form has to be submitted at border control and other controls during the stay in the territory. Those arriving in the country must undergo a PCR within five days of arrival. If an individual does not submit a PCR test result to the respective health authorities within seven days of arrival, they will have to quarantine.

It will also be possible to submit a PCR test result that was issued by another EU member country. This document must be delivered to the relevant health authorities immediately upon arrival and cannot be older than 72 hours. This rule applies to the Czech citizens, EU citizens and third-country nationals with a long-term or permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic or another EU country.
Third-country nationals with a proven long-lasting relationship with an EU citizen (who must have a certificate of temporary residence or permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic) and workers in international transport will be allowed to enter the country.

This measure does not apply to international transport workers, if the reason for entry can be proven.

More information about the necessary documents: https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/certificate-and-confirmation-form-for-entry-into-the-czech-republic.aspx

The list of low/high risk countries: https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/seznam-zemi-podle-miry-rizika-nakazy/

Source: CESMAD BOHEMIA

Outdoors areas and beaches

#N/A

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https://www.visitczechrepublic.com/en

08.03.2022

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Document checklist

1. Fill in the Passenger Locator Form.

2. All travellers must furnish proof of vaccination, recovery or a test result. Details in the section below.

Children under 12 are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn more:

Ministry of the Interior

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Travellers can enter if their 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) includes one of the following:

- Proof of vaccination. The vaccination certificate is valid 14 days after vaccination for 270 days. The period may be extended with the booster shot.
- Proof of recovery from COVID-19. The recovery certificate is valid 11 days from the positive test for 180 days.
- Negative PCR test (no older than 72 hours) or antigen test (no older than 24 hours) before travel.

In addition:

09.07.2020

Members are reminded that, in combination with Covid-specific measures and updates to the Road Transport Act, the following documents are required when entering Czech Republic:

- a document certifying their status, i.e. international transport workers (in English and Czech),
- a proof of their professional competence,
- an employment contract,
- for drivers of companies established in the EU, a Czech translation of their employment contract.

Measures apply as from 1 July.

Source: CESMAD

01.07.2020

On 30 June, the Czech Ministry of Health relaxed the rules on travelling to the Czech Republic. Foreigners coming from high-risk countries are still subject to provisions to comply with upon entry. Rules in detail can be read here.

The classification of countries, according to their risk, is updated every other week, and the latest can be found here. As of 30 June, Polish, British and EU citizens with temporary or permanent residency in Poland and Great Britain, can enter the Czech Republic without the necessity of having a negative PCR test and without the necessity to prove the purpose of travel.

Entry restrictions and quarantine measures do not apply to people working in international transport. Details can be found here.

All border crossings with Austria, Germany, Poland and Slovakia are open.

Source: CESMAD

19.05.2020

Following the end of the state of emergency on 17 May, from 18 May - the weekend and holiday driving bans have been fully reintroduced in the Czech Republic for trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 7.5t, and trucks and special vehicles with trailers if the MPW of the motor vehicle exceeds 3.5t.

Source: CESMAD

12.05.2020

As of 00:00 on 11 May, new rules came into force at Czech borders. All foreign nationals are banned from entry; foreigners with a permanent residence permit, foreigners with a temporary residence permit over 90 days and people working in international transport are exempted from the provision.

The following categories are included in the definition of “people working in international transport” and benefit from the exemption:

· Truck drivers (**drivers’ assistants are not considered to be drivers, therefore the exemption does not apply to them**)

· Bus drivers (especially those driving repatriation buses)

· Road managers’ vehicle crews

· Aircraft crews

· Train drivers, train crews and carriage inspectors

· Ship captains and cargo vessel crews

- All travellers must complete a Passenger Locator Form.
- EU residents and nationals arriving by individual means (i.e. by car) are exempted from all entry measures.

Children under 12 are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn more:

Ministry of the Interior

Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

Documents equivalent to the 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' are also accepted, if they meet the same requirements listed above for the EUDCC. Czechia's Ministry of the Interior provid es guidance on certificate equivalency.

In addition, all travellers must complete a Passenger Locator Form.

Learn more:

Ministry of the Interior

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Entry rules

- Entry requirements depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure according to the Czech Republic's national classification of risk areas: green, orange, red and dark red.
- COVID-19 travel entry rules are suspended for all arrivals from Ukraine.

Mandatory travel documents

- Passenger Locator Form.
- Proof of vaccination. The vaccination certificate is valid 14 days after vaccination for 270 days. The period may be extended with the booster shot.
- Proof of recovery. The recovery certificate is valid from 11 days after the positive test for 180 days.
- Negative PCR test (no older than 72 hours) or antigen test (no older than 24 hours) before travel.
- Travellers must take a PCR test between the 5th and 7th day of arrival.
- The Ministry of the Interior provides detailed information on the correct vaccine dosages and dates, duration of recovery, and certified test results, with examples of certificates.

· Drivers of vehicles of up to 9 passengers who are transporting one of the above categories of people to their place of work and back, and the empty journeys associated with those transportations. The driver must be employed in the same company as the people he/she is transporting.

· Third party drivers of vehicles of up to 9 passengers, subject to certain conditions

· Accompanying vehicles of abnormal load transport (supporting documentation must be provided by the carrier or the organisation responsible for transport)

Full communication can be read here

Source: CESMAD

29.04.2020

On 29 April, the Czech government has prolonged the state of emergency until 17 May 2020. Exemptions from driving restrictions have been extended accordingly.

Source: CESMAD

18.04.2020

The Czech government granted relaxations on driving and rest times rules.

Relaxations apply from 15 April until 31 May to all drivers involved in national and international transport of goods being performed within Czech territory and are as follows:

- Art. 6.1: increase of the maximum daily driving limit from 9 hours to 11 hours

- Art. 6.2: increase of the maximum weekly driving limit from 56 hours to 60 hours

- Art. 6.3: increase of the fortnightly driving limit from 90 hours to 100 hours

- Art. 8.1: reduction of the daily rest requirement from 11 hours to 9 hours

- Art. 8.6: postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period

- Art. 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, provided that the vehicle is stationary and it has suitable sleeping facilities.

Source: CESMAD

09.04.2020

The applicable driving restrictions on Sundays and Public Holidays are lifted during the period of state emergency

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27.03.2020

Prohibition to overtake on some sections of the CZ road network

From 19 March 2020 for a period of 60 days, the border sections of the D1, D2, D5, D8 and D11 motorways are affected by the following restriction:

In the direction of the border crossing points, lorries over 3.5 tonnes are prohibited from overtaking.

Children under 12 years are exempt from testing and quarantine requirements

Learn more:

Ministry of Health

Ministry of the Interior

What are the rules if I go abroad from this country, and when I return from abroad?

Citizens and residents of the Czech Republic are advised to follow the rules as set by the Ministry of the Interior. All travellers must remember to fill in a Passenger Locator Form.

All travellers must provide a certificate of vaccination or recovery plus proof of either a booster dose or a negative PCR test result.

Entry requirements will depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure according to Czechia's national classification of risk areas: green, orange, red and dark red. The Ministry of Health provides detailed current information on the latest travel rules, requirements and exemptions from countries of departure according to risk.

May I transit this country?

Citizens of Ukraine: COVID-19 travel entry rules are suspended for all arrivals from Ukraine.

For All Other Travellers in Transit: As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU/Schengen area are exempted from temporary travel restrictions. EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

Additionally, for the Czech Republic, land transit is allowed up to 12 hours without any restrictions. However, travellers arriving from high risk countries may not be permitted entry.

General measures

Exceptions to this prohibition are vehicles used in:

a) The carriage of perishable goods, at least half the volume of the cargo space of a vehicle or combination of vehicles.

b) The transport of live animals.

c) Carriage of fuel intended for petrol stations.

d) Carriage of postal items.

e) The transport of medical and biological material, medicines and material for their manufacture.

The reason for this restriction is to reduce queues at border crossing points and give preference to essential transport.

The restriction applies to the following sections of road:

· Highway D1 from km 366,300 to the right (direction of state border).

· Highway D2 from km 35,000 to the right (direction of the state border).

· Highway D5 from km 136,300 to the right (direction of parking).

· D8 motorway from km 86,900 to the right (direction of the state border) and from the state border to km 88,200 to the left (direction Prague, due to checks by the Czech Republic police).

Source: CESMAD-Bohemia

22.03.2020

Members are reminded of the wide exemption from 561/2006 on the Czech territory. There is a critical situation on the CZ/SK borders due to drivers taking the 45 min. rest in the right lane blocking the access to the border crossing. Drivers are asked to take the rest elsewhere or to postpone it.

Source: CESMAD Bohemia and Czech Police

16.03.2020

The government announced on March 16th a temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and resting times for drivers involved in all transport of goods. Measures lifted are the ones in articles 6 to 9 of the EU Regulation No. 561/2006. This exception applies from 16032020 (00:00) for a period of 30 days.

Source: CESMAD BOHEMIA

Most COVID-19 measures have been lifted. Certificates of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result are no longer required to enter indoor venues or attend indoor events. However facemasks and respirators must be worn and rules for social distancing respected.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Use of facemasks

Facemasks and respirators must be worn and rules for social distancing respected.

Physical Distancing

The rules on social distancing should be respected in indoor venues.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Safety measures for public transportation

Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Places of worship

Churches are open for religious services. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Quarantine

The rules for quarantine and isolation, duration and exceptions, are explained on the Covid Portal.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

All shops and service points are open. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Tourist accommodations

Tourist accommodations are open. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Catering establishments

Restaurants, bars, music and night clubs, casinos and gambling halls are closed from 10pm-5am. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Cultural, leisure and sport facilities are open. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Personal care services

Personal care services are open. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and rules for social distancing respected.

Outdoors areas and beaches

Facemasks and respirators should be worn wherever people congregate and the rules for social distancing can't be enforced.

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism in Czech Republic

24.01.2022

Information on 'EU Digital COVID Certificates' issued in Czechia

In Czechia, the 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' is required to access public spaces, including bars and restaurants, and leisure and cultural facilities. Please consult the Measures sec tion for more details. Travellers are advised to carry their documents with them at all times.

The EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation entered into force on 01 July 2021. EU citizens and residents will now be able to have their Digital COVID Certificates issued and verified across the EU. National authorities are in charge of issuing the certificate.

The certificate provides a standardised recognition of the holder's status related to vaccination, recovery from Covid-19, or test result. **Despite the European Digital COVID Certificate, each country continues to be responsible for the definition of its own entry requirements and rules, which are not standardised at the EU level.** This means that what is required to enter upon presentation of this certificate, depends on the measures and entry rules in place at your destination.

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Document checklist

1. Passenger Locator Form.

2. All travellers must furnish proof of vaccination, recovery or a test result. Details in the section below.

3. Travellers are also required to provide proof of either a booster dose or pre-departure negative PCR test result (no older than 72 hours).

4. Travellers who are not fully vaccinated or have not recovered from COVID-19 in the last six months must undergo a PCR test between the 5th and 7th day of arrival.

Entry rules

Entry requirements also depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure according to the Czech Republic's national classification of risk areas: green, orange, red and dark red.

Children below 12 are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn more:

Ministry of the Interior

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

All travellers can enter if their 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' includes one of the following:

- Proof of vaccination (14 days after the last dose).
- Proof of recovery from COVID-19 (valid 180 days).
- Negative test result. Both antigen (48 hours) and PCR (72 hours) certificates are valid.

Travellers must also provide proof of either a booster dose or negative PCR test result (no older than 72 hours).

Travellers who are not vaccinated or have not recovered from COVID-19 in the last six months must undergo a PCR test between the 5th and 7th day of arrival.

In addition:

- All travellers must complete a Passenger Locator Form.
- Entry requirements depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure according to the Czech Republic's national classification of risk areas: green, orange, red and dark red.

Children below 12 are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn more:

Ministry of the Interior

Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

Documents equivalent to the 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' are also accepted, if they meet the same requirements listed above for the EUDCC. Czechia's Ministry of the Interior provides guidance on certificate equivalency.

In addition:

- All travellers must complete a Passenger Locator Form.
- Travellers must provide proof of either a booster dose or pre-departure negative PCR test result (no older than 72 hours).
- Travellers who are not vaccinated or have not recovered from COVID-19 in the lsat six months must undergo a PCR test between the 5th and 7th day of arrival.
- Entry requirements also depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure according to the Czech Republic's national classification of risk areas: green, orange, red and dark red.

Learn more:

Ministry of the Interior

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Entry rules

Entry requirements depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure according to the Czech Republic's national classification of risk areas: green, orange, red and dark red.

Mandatory travel documents

- Passenger Locator Form.
- Proof of full vaccination (14 days after the last dose) or proof of recovery from COVID-19 (valid 180 days) or a negative test result: both antigen (48 hours) and PCR (72 hours) certificates are valid.
- Travellers must also provide proof of either a booster dose or pre-departure negative PCR test result (no older than 72 hours).
- Travellers who are not vaccinated or have not recovered from COVID-19 in the last six months must undergo a PCR test between the 5th and 7th day of arrival.
- The Ministry of the Interior provides detailed information on the correct vaccine dosages and dates, duration of recovery, and certified test results, with examples of certificates.

Children under 12 years are exempt from testing and quarantine requirements

Learn more:

Ministry of Health

Ministry of the Interior

What are the rules if I go abroad from this country, and when I return from abroad?

Citizens and residents of the Czech Republic are advised to follow the rules as set by the Ministry of the Interior. All travellers must remember to fill in a Passenger Locator Form.

All travellers must provide a certificate of vaccination or recovery plus proof of either a booster dose or a negative PCR test result.

Entry requirements will depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure according to Czechia's national classification of risk areas: green, orange, red and dark red. The Ministry of Health provides detailed current information on the latest travel rules, requirements and exemptions from countries of departure according to risk.

May I transit this country?

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU/Schengen area are exempted from temporary travel restrictions. EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

Additionally, for the Czech Republic, land transit is allowed up to 12 hours without any restrictions. However, travellers arriving from high risk countries may not be permitted entry.

General measures

Certificates of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result are required to enter indoor spaces including tourist accommodations, restaurants and bars, catering establishments, and leisure, cultural and sports facilities.

Facemasks and respirators must be worn indoors and rules for social distancing respected.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Use of facemasks

Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Physical Distancing

The rules on social distancing should be respected in indoor venues.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Certificates are required for entry to indoor venues, meetings and assemblies. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Safety measures for public transportation

Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Places of worship

Churches are open for religious services. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Quarantine

The rules for quarantine and isolation, duration and exceptions, are explained on the Covid Portal.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

All shops and service points are open. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Tourist accommodations

Tourist accommodations are open. Certificates are required for entry. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Catering establishments

Restaurants, bars, music and night clubs, casinos and gambling halls are closed from 10pm-5am. Certificates are required for entry. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Cultural, leisure and sport facilities are open. Certificates are required for entry. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Personal care services

Personal care services are open. Facemasks and respirators must be worn and the rules for social distancing respected.

Outdoors areas and beaches

Facemasks and respirators should be worn wherever people congregate and the rules for social distancing can't be enforced.

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism in Czech Republic

09.12.2021

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

All travellers must fill in a Passenger Locator Form. They must show either a negative COVID test, proof of vaccination, or proof of past infection.

Entry requirements also depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure according to the Czech Republic's national classification of risk areas: green, orange, red and dark red.

Children below 12 are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements.

Learn more:

Ministry of the Interior

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Travellers can enter the Czech Republic if their 'EU Digital COVID certificate (EUDCC)' includes one of the following:

- **Proof of vaccination** 14 days after the last dose.
- **Proof of recovery** from COVID-19 valid 180 days.
- **Negative test result.** BothPCR (72 hours) and antigen(48 hours) certificates are valid.

Children below 12 years are exempt from testing and quarantine requirements.

Learn more:

Ministry of Health

Ministry of the Interior

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Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

Travellers can enter the Czech Republic if they can provide one of the following:

- **Proof of vaccination** 14 days after the last dose. National certificates of vaccination are valid.
- **Proof of recovery** from COVID-19 valid 180 days. National certificates of recovery are accepted.
- **Negative test result.** BothPCR (72 hours) and antigen(48 hours) test certificates are valid.

Children below 12 years are exempt from testing and quarantine requirements.

Learn more:

Ministry of Health

Ministry of the Interior

Documents you need to travel in Europe
Health cover for temporary stays

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

All travellers must fill in a Passenger Locator Form.

All travellers must show either a negative COVID test, proof of vaccination, or proof of past infection.

Entry requirements depend on the colour attributed to the country of departure according to Czechia's national classification of risk areas: green, orange, red and dark red.

The Ministry of Health provides detailed current information on the latest travel rules, requirements and exemptions from countries of departure according to risk.

Green (low-risk) and Orange (medium-risk) countries

- Passenger Locator Form.
- Before arrival, or no later than 5 days after entry, travellers must undergo either an antigen or PCR test.
- Travellers exempted from testing include Czech and EU+ citizens whose vaccinations in third countries meet EMA guidelines, and persons recovered from COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days.

The Ministry of Health provides detailed current information on exemptions from testing for certain travellers e.g. children below 12, minors with disabilities, cross-border workers and transport workers.

Red (high-risk) and Dark Red (very high-risk) countries

- Passenger Locator Form.
- Complete a PCR test 72 hours before arrival.
- Complete a second PCR test between the 5th and 7th day of arrival. At all times when outside wear a facemask.
- Travellers exempted from testing include Czech and EU+ citizens whose vaccinations in third countries meet EMA guidelines, and persons recovered from COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days. The Ministry of Health provides detailed current information on exemptions from testing for certain travellers e.g. children below 12, minors with disabilities, cross-border workers and transport workers.

Find out more:

National classification of risk areas

Entry rules

Documents you need to travel in Europe

Health cover for temporary stays

What are the rules if I go abroad from this country, and when I return from abroad?

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Ministry of the Interior

May I transit this country?

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Additionally, for the Czech Republic, land transit is allowed up to 12 hours without any restrictions. However, travellers arriving from high risk countries may not be permitted entry.

Learn more:

Ministry of Health

Ministry of the Interior

General measures

Proof of vaccination or proof of recovery are required to enter indoor spaces including tourist accommodations, restaurants and bars, catering estabishments, and leisure, cultural and sports facilities—negative tests are no longer sufficient.

Face masks and respirators are mandatory when indoors e.g. shops and restaurants, shopping centers, care services, on public transportation, in post offices and pharmacies, and at workplaces where more than one peson is in the room.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Use of facemasks

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Learn more:

Covid Portal

Physical Distancing

Where possible, social distancing should be observed.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

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Learn more:

Covid Portal

Safety measures for public transportation

Passengers must wear face masks and respirators.

Places of worship

Services and similar religious gatherings may be held but it is necessary to adhere to all hygenic precautions. Face masks and respirators must be worn indoors.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Quarantine

The rules for quarantine and isolation, duration and exceptions, are explained on the Covid Portal.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Open with limitations

Shops are open. Face masks and respirators must be worn indoors.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Tourist accommodations

Open with limitations

Tourist accommodations remain open but with restrictions. COVID certificates of vaccination and recovery are required to enter the premises. Once inside, face masks and respirators must be worn and social distancing is observed.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Catering establishments

Open with limitations

Restaurants, bars, music and night clubs, casinos and gambling halls are closed from 10pm - 5am.

COVID certificates of vaccination and recovery are required to enter the premises. Once inside, face masks and respirators must be worn and social distancing is observed.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Open with limitations

Cinemas, museums, galleries, heritage sites, exhibition spaces, fairs, castles, chateaux, zoological and botanical gardens are open under strict sanitary conditions. Face masks and respirators must be worn and, where possible, social distancing is observed.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Personal care services

Open with limitations

Proof of vaccination or proof of recovery are required for personal care services such as hairdressers, barbers and other care services—negative tests are no longer sufficient.

Facemasks and respirators are mandatory when indoors.

Learn more:

Covid Portal

Outdoors areas and beaches

Face masks and respirators are mandatory in some outdoor settings where social distancing cannot be observed.

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Safety measures (in Czech)

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism in Czech Republic

13.08.2021

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Travellers from all countries have an obligation to fill in the Passenger Locator Form before arrival.

Specific categories of travellers (e.g. cross-border workers or travellers for international transport) are exempt from filling in the Passenger Locator Form as well as from the testing and self-isolation requirements.

The rules for entering the territory of the Czech Republic and quarantine measures are defined by the Ministry of Health Protection Measure.

Czechia adopts its own national classification of risk areas based on data compiled by ECDC. Countries are classified, according to their epidemiological situation, as: Low-risk (**green**), Medium-risk (**orange**), High-risk (**red**), Very high-risk (**dark red**) and extreme risk (**grey**).

It is possible to enter Czechia for any reason, including tourism, from all EU+ countries.

The following conditions apply to travellers who have stayed more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in the country of departure, and who will stay in Czechia for more than 12 hours:

Low-risk (green) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure antigen (48 hours) / PCR (72 hours) test before or after arrival (within 5 days).
- Exception from testing for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (it is necessary to have the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country if at least 14 days from the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

Medium-risk (orange) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure antigen (48 hours) / PCR (72 hours) test before or after arrival (within 5 days).
- Exception from testing for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

High-risk (red) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- PCR test on the 5th day after arrival at the earliest and self-isolation until the negative result.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation apply for the following categories:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

Very high-risk (dark red) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- PCR test on the 5th day after arrival at the earliest and self-isolation until the negative result.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country after at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

Extreme risk (grey) countries

Only citizens and residents of Czechia, foreign nationals with a long-term residence permit and accredited members of diplomatic missions, are allowed to enter Czechia from extreme risk countries. The following conditions apply:

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- Self-isolation until a further negative result to 2 PCR tests – 1st taken within 24 hours after arrival, plus a 2nd PCR test taken no earlier than day 10 after arrival.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (it is necessary to have the digital EU certificate on it or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in the EU+ countries if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

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National classification of risk areas

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Important phone numbers

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Provisional information subject to further revision and confirmation from National Authorities

The Czech Republic will start accepting "EU Digital COVID certificates" (EUDCC) from **1 July 2021**.

Holders of EUDCC will be allowed to enter the Czech Republic, without being subject to further restrictions (testing or quarantine), at the condition that their certificate contains either:

- **Proof of vaccination**, valid at the following conditions:
  - **14 days after the second dose**, or 14 days after the jab if the vaccine is administered in a single dose (Janssen /Johnson&Johnson);
- **Proof of recovery from COVID-19**, valid **180 days**;
- Negative result to a **COVID-19 test.**
  Both **PCR and Rapid Antigen tests** are accepted.
  Validity: **72 hours** for PCR tests, **48 hours** for RAT tests

Children **under 6 years old** are exempted from the testing or quarantine requirements.

A transitional period is in place, during which notified national certificates of vaccination and recovery from EU+ countries, and written confirmation of completing self-isolation from doctors in EU+ countries, are also recognized.

Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

Documents you need to travel in Europe
Health cover for temporary stays

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Third-country nationals who do not have any residence permit issued by the Czech Republic or long-term or permanent residence permit issued by another EU+ country can travel only for essential reasons. This rule does not apply to the citizen of countries with a low risk of transmission of COVID-19. An entry ban for citizens coming from countries with extreme risk of transmission is in place, with the exceptions of citizens and residents of Czechia.

The rules for entering the territory of the Czech Republic and quarantine measures are defined by the Ministry of Health Protection Measure.

Travellers must fill in the Passenger Locator Form before arrival.

Czechia adopts its own national classification of risk areas based on data compiled by ECDC. Countries are classified, according to their epidemiological situation, as: Low-risk (**green**), Medium-risk (**orange**), High-risk (**red**), Very high-risk (**dark red**) and extreme risk (**grey**).

The following conditions apply to travellers who have stayed more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in the country of departure, and who will stay in Czechia for more than 12 hours:

Low-risk (green) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure antigen (48 hours) / PCR (72 hours) test before or after arrival (within 5 days).
- Exception from testing for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (it is necessary to have the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country if at least 14 days from the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

Medium-risk (orange) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure antigen (48 hours) / PCR (72 hours) test before or after arrival (within 5 days).
- Exception from testing for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

High-risk (red) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- PCR test on the 5th day after arrival at the earliest and self-isolation until the negative result.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation apply for the following categories:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
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    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

Very high-risk (dark red) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- PCR test on the 5th day after arrival at the earliest and self-isolation until the negative result.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country after at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

Extreme risk (grey) countries

Only citizens and residents of Czechia, foreign nationals with a long-term residence permit and accredited members of diplomatic missions, are allowed to enter Czechia from extreme risk countries. The following conditions apply:

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- Self-isolation until a further negative result to 2 PCR tests – 1st taken within 24 hours after arrival, plus a 2nd PCR test taken no earlier than day 10 after arrival.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation for:
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Important phone numbers

May I transit this country?

Partially

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restrictions. EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

Additionally, **for the Czech Republic, the following rules apply**:

Land transit up to 12 hours through the Czech Republic is allowed without any restrictions in place. **Transit from countries with extreme risk of transmission of COVID-19 is not permitted.**

Find out more:

koronavirus.mzcr.cz

List of countries according to the level of risk

www.mvcr.cz

General measures

Updated measures are available at the Czech Covid Portal (in Czech and English)

Use of facemasks

It is not mandatory to wear a facemask outdoors if a maximum number of 2 people at 2 metres distance is respected.

The usage of a facemask is still mandatory within territorial clusters (for example in healthcare and social service facilities, on public transport, when travelling by subway etc.), with some exceptions.

Wearing a facemask is also compulsory in vehicles with people who do not belong to the same household and in areas of municipalities open to the public, if there are more than two people present, who are closer than two metres from each other and who are not members of the same household.

Wearing FFP2 masks is mandatory in the indoor space of retail outlets, service outlets, international airports, public transport, including platforms and waiting rooms and in private vehicles (with the exception of people from the same household).

In the most high-risk places, such as shops or public transport means, it will no longer be possible to replace the respirator with a double surgical mask.

Find out more:

Facemasks

Physical Distancing

Physical distance should be kept whenever possible, with some exceptions. In all establishments a **2-metres** distance has to be maintained.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Indoors events can take place with a maximum of 500 participants (and 50% maximum capacity). Open-air events can be attended by up to 1000 people (and 50% maximum capacity).

Find out more:

Gatherings

Safety measures for public transportation

Regular cleaning and disinfection of vehicles is recommended. Furthermore, passengers are required to wear a mask.

Places of worship

Religious gatherings can be held and mass singing is allowed, provided that the singers or choir are separated from the other participants. Furthermore, a maximum number of 15 people is allowed to attend weddings, funerals and similar events.

Hygiene measures and the obligation to wear a mask are in place. It is required to keep a distance of at least 2 metres from each other, with the exception of members of the same household. Some churches are implementing also the possibility to attend virtual services.

To know more:

Religious gatherings

Quarantine

A confirmed COVID-19 case is contacted by the regional hygiene station to identify as many risk contacts as possible in the last 5 days. The regional hygiene station will then create a "memorial map" of the places where the infected person moved on the basis of mobile data. Subsequently, people are informed and isolated as quickly as possible and within 4-5 days they perform a COVID-19 test. Ideally, within 48 hours the result is ready and if it is positive, the newly infected person goes through the same whole process. The contact tracing app eRouška helps speed up the process, as well as the Mapy.cz mobile application (in Czech).

Find out more:

Smart quarantine

COVID-19 testing centres (in Czech)

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Open with limitations

Retail sales and service provision are both permitted. In shopping centres, mass gatherings must be avoided.

Find out more:

Shops and services

Tourist accommodations

Open with limitations

Accommodation facilities are open. Upon arrival, guests must present a negative PCR test not older than 5 days, or an antigen test not older than 72 hours, or a vaccination certificate, or proof of recovery from Covid-19 in the past 180 days. Children under 6 years are exempted from these requirements.

After 7 days of stay, the test will need to be repeated.

Find out more:

Accommodation facilities

Catering establishments

Open with limitations

Bars and restaurants are open. A mask must be worn and can be removed only for eating and drinking. A minimum distance of 1,5 metres between tables must be respected. Maximum 4 guests can sit at the same table (excluding members of the same household).

Furthermore, clients must present:

- A negative result to a **PCR test**. Accepted tests: **PCR** (not older than **7 days**), antigenic (not older than **72 hours**);
- Or **proof of vaccination**, valid **14 days after the second dose**, or 14 days after the unique dose if the vaccine is administered in a single dose (Janssen/Johnson&Johnson);
- Or **proof of recovery from COVID-19**, valid **180 days**;

Find out more:

Restaurants

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Open with limitations

Theaters, cinemas and concert halls are open. Indoors cultural events can take place with a maximum of 500 participants (and 50% maximum capacity). Open-air events can be attended by up to 1000 people (and 50% maximum capacity).

Find out more:
Measures for theatres and cinemas
General measures applied in the cultural sector

Personal care services

Open with limitations

Hairdressers, barber shops and similar services are open. Clients must present either a PCR test no older than 7 days or an antigen test no older than 72 hours. People will also be able to access these services with a certificate of vaccination or if recovered from Covid-19 in the last 180 days.

Find out more:

Health resorts

Outdoors areas and beaches

Leisure time

Ski facilities

The operation of cableways can be permitted only for specific essential purposes, e.g. to provide public transport services. Furthermore, ski lifts and cableways can be used to ensure the supply or operation of critical infrastructure or for the needs of the components of the Integrated Rescue System, including the Mountain Rescue Service.

Cross-country skiing is still possible, with hygiene and social distancing measures in place. During the activity, there is an exception to the wearing of face masks, but it is very important to keep a distance of at least 2 metres from other people.

Find out more:

Winter sports

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Safety measures (in Czech)

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism in Czech Republic

16.07.2021

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Travellers from all countries have an obligation to fill in the Passenger Locator Form before arrival.

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- Negative pre-departure antigen (48 hours) / PCR (72 hours) test before or after arrival (within 5 days).
- Exception from testing for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (it is necessary to have the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country if at least 14 days from the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

Medium-risk (orange) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure antigen (48 hours) / PCR (72 hours) test before or after arrival (within 5 days).
- Exception from testing for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

High-risk (red) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- PCR test on the 5th day after arrival at the earliest and self-isolation until the negative result.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation apply for the following categories:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

Very high-risk (dark red) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- PCR test on the 5th day after arrival at the earliest and self-isolation until the negative result.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country after at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

Extreme risk (grey) countries

Only citizens and residents of Czechia, foreign nationals with a long-term residence permit and accredited members of diplomatic missions, are allowed to enter Czechia from extreme risk countries. The following conditions apply:

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- Self-isolation until a further negative result to 2 PCR tests – 1st taken within 24 hours after arrival, plus a 2nd PCR test taken no earlier than day 10 after arrival.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (it is necessary to have the digital EU certificate on it or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in the EU+ countries if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

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Important phone numbers

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Provisional information subject to further revision and confirmation from National Authorities

The Czech Republic will start accepting "EU Digital COVID certificates" (EUDCC) from **1 July 2021**.

Holders of EUDCC will be allowed to enter the Czech Republic, without being subject to further restrictions (testing or quarantine), at the condition that their certificate contains either:

- **Proof of vaccination**, valid at the following conditions:
  - **14 days after the second dose**, or 14 days after the jab if the vaccine is administered in a single dose (Janssen /Johnson&Johnson);
- **Proof of recovery from COVID-19**, valid **180 days**;
- Negative result to a **COVID-19 test.**
  Both **PCR and Rapid Antigen tests** are accepted.
  Validity: **72 hours** for PCR tests, **48 hours** for RAT tests

Children **under 6 years old** are exempted from the testing or quarantine requirements.

A transitional period is in place, during which notified national certificates of vaccination and recovery from EU+ countries, and written confirmation of completing self-isolation from doctors in EU+ countries, are also recognized.

Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

Documents you need to travel in Europe
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What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Third-country nationals who do not have any residence permit issued by the Czech Republic or long-term or permanent residence permit issued by another EU+ country can travel only for essential reasons. This rule does not apply to the citizen of countries with a low risk of transmission of COVID-19. An entry ban for citizens coming from countries with extreme risk of transmission is in place, with the exceptions of citizens and residents of Czechia.

The rules for entering the territory of the Czech Republic and quarantine measures are defined by the Ministry of Health Protection Measure.

Travellers must fill in the Passenger Locator Form before arrival.

Czechia adopts its own national classification of risk areas based on data compiled by ECDC. Countries are classified, according to their epidemiological situation, as: Low-risk (**green**), Medium-risk (**orange**), High-risk (**red**), Very high-risk (**dark red**) and extreme risk (**grey**).

The following conditions apply to travellers who have stayed more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in the country of departure, and who will stay in Czechia for more than 12 hours:

Low-risk (green) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure antigen (48 hours) / PCR (72 hours) test before or after arrival (within 5 days).
- Exception from testing for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (it is necessary to have the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed).
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Medium-risk (orange) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure antigen (48 hours) / PCR (72 hours) test before or after arrival (within 5 days).
- Exception from testing for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

High-risk (red) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- PCR test on the 5th day after arrival at the earliest and self-isolation until the negative result.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation apply for the following categories:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
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Very high-risk (dark red) countries

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- PCR test on the 5th day after arrival at the earliest and self-isolation until the negative result.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (the digital EU certificate or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed are required).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in a EU+ country after at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
    - Czech citizens and EU+ citizens fully vaccinated in a third country with the EMA approved vaccination if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (a certificate is required, whose sample is published on the Ministry of Health website).

Extreme risk (grey) countries

Only citizens and residents of Czechia, foreign nationals with a long-term residence permit and accredited members of diplomatic missions, are allowed to enter Czechia from extreme risk countries. The following conditions apply:

- Necessary to fill in the Passenger Locator Form.
- Negative pre-departure PCR test (72 hours) before arrival (citizens and residents of Czechia can undergo antigen test and if they travel by individual transport they are not required to undergo further testing upon arrival).
- Self-isolation until a further negative result to 2 PCR tests – 1st taken within 24 hours after arrival, plus a 2nd PCR test taken no earlier than day 10 after arrival.
- Exception from testing and self-isolation for:
    - Persons who had COVID-19 in a EU+ country in the last 180 days (it is necessary to have the digital EU certificate on it or a written medical certificate from the EU+ country where the isolation was completed).
    - Persons fully vaccinated in the EU+ countries if at least 14 days from the application of the last dose have elapsed (the digital EU certificate or a national certificate are required).
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Important phone numbers

May I transit this country?

Partially

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restrictions. EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

Additionally, **for the Czech Republic, the following rules apply**:

Land transit up to 12 hours through the Czech Republic is allowed without any restrictions in place. **Transit from countries with extreme risk of transmission of COVID-19 is not permitted.**

Find out more:

koronavirus.mzcr.cz

List of countries according to the level of risk

www.mvcr.cz

General measures

Updated measures are available at the Czech Covid Portal (in Czech and English)

Use of facemasks

It is not mandatory to wear a facemask outdoors if a maximum number of 2 people at 2 metres distance is respected.

The usage of a facemask is still mandatory within territorial clusters (for example in healthcare and social service facilities, on public transport, when travelling by subway etc.), with some exceptions.

Wearing a facemask is also compulsory in vehicles with people who do not belong to the same household and in areas of municipalities open to the public, if there are more than two people present, who are closer than two metres from each other and who are not members of the same household.

Wearing FFP2 masks is mandatory in the indoor space of retail outlets, service outlets, international airports, public transport, including platforms and waiting rooms and in private vehicles (with the exception of people from the same household).

In the most high-risk places, such as shops or public transport means, it will no longer be possible to replace the respirator with a double surgical mask.

Find out more:

Facemasks

Physical Distancing

Physical distance should be kept whenever possible, with some exceptions. In all establishments a **2-metres** distance has to be maintained.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Indoors events can take place with a maximum of 500 participants (and 50% maximum capacity). Open-air events can be attended by up to 1000 people (and 50% maximum capacity).

Find out more:

Gatherings

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Tourism in Czech Republic

EU Digital COVID Certificates

This country is already connected to the Gateway and is issuing and/or verifying at least one EU Digital COVID Certificate (Vaccination, Recovery, Test)

Information on "EU Digital COVID Certificates" issued in the Czech Republic

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The EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation entered into force on 01 July 2021. EU citizens and residents will now be able to have their Digital COVID Certificates issued and verified across the EU. National authorities are in charge of issuing the certificate.

The certificate provides a standardised recognition of the holder's status related to vaccination, recovery from Covid-19, or test result. **Despite the European Digital COVID Certificate, each country continues to be responsible for the definition of its own entry requirements and rules, which are not standardised at the EU level.** This means that what is required to enter upon presentation of this certificate, depends on the measures and entry rules in place at your destination.

Find out more:

Information on the "EU Digital COVID Certificate"

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What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Information not yet available.

Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

Czechia adopts its own national classification of risk areas.

From 21 June, **the ban on non-essential travel is lifted for the EU+ countries** (it will be possible to travel for any purpose, including tourism) and the obligation to follow the epidemiological rule does not apply to persons who have been vaccinated in the EU+ countries (at least 22 days after the first dose) or persons who suffered COVID-19 in the past 180 days. A national certificate from an EU+ country or a medical certificate issued in an EU+ country, where the self-isolation took place, is required as a proof. **As of 1 July, only the EU Digital COVID Certificate will be accepted.**

Until 20 June, non-essential travel to the Czech Republic (including tourism) is banned, regardless of the country of origin. People working, studying and visiting their families in Czechia are exempted from the travel ban, as well as people travelling to health and social facilities, weddings and funerals.

The following restrictions apply to travellers who have stayed more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in the country of departure, and who will stay in Czechia for more than 12 hours:

- **Low-risk (green) countries**
  Travellers arriving from countries classified as "green" are not subject to testing or isolation requirements.

- **Medium-risk (orange) countries**
  - Travellers arriving by public transportation are subject to a pre-departure COVID-19 test (PCR taken 72 hours before departure, or antigen test taken 24 hours before departure);
  - Travellers arriving by individual transportation are subject to a COVID-19 test (either PCR or antigen) within 5 days from arrival;
  - People vaccinated against Covid-19 in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Austria, Poland, Hungary and Slovenia, after 22 days from the first dose of the vaccine, are allowed to travel without being subject to testing or isolation requirements after arrival.

- **High-risk (red) countries**
  - Travellers arriving by public transportation are subject to a pre-departure COVID-19 test (PCR taken 72 hours before departure, or antigen test taken 24 hours before departure) and to self-isolation until the negative result of a PCR test taken within 5 days from arrival;
  - Travellers arriving by individual transportation are subject to self-isolation until the negative result of a PCR test taken within 5 days from arrival;
  - People vaccinated against Covid-19 in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Austria, Poland, Hungary and Slovenia, after 22 days from the first dose of the vaccine, are allowed to travel from high-risk EU+ countries without being subject to testing or isolation requirements after arrival.

- **Very high-risk (dark red) countries**
  - Travellers arriving both by public or individual transportation are subject to a pre-departure COVID-19 test (PCR taken 72 hours before departure, or antigen test taken 24 hours before departure) and to self-isolation until the negative result of a PCR test taken no earlier than 5 days after arrival.

- **Travel from "extreme risk" (gray) countries**
  - Travellers arriving both by public or individual transportation are subject to a pre-departure COVID-19 test (PCR taken 72 hours before departure, or antigen test taken 24 hours before departure) and to self-isolation until the negative result of a PCR test taken within 24 hours from arrival, plus a second PCR test taken no earlier than 10 days after arrival.

The entry requirements specified above do not apply to land transit (up to 12 hours), travel from neighbouring countries (up to 24 hours), cross-border workers, diplomatic missions (up to 72 hours) or **children under the age of 6**.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

A Passenger Locator Form is mandatory for travellers arriving from "Orange", "Red", "Dark Red" and "Gray" countries.

A Medical Certificate is available for people who recovered from Covid-19 in the last 180 days.

Find out more:
National classification of risk areas
Protective measures
Travelling abroad

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Important phone numbers

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Travel to the Czech Republic is possible only for essential reasons. Travelling for the purpose of tourism, or to visit friends, is not possible. All citizens of third countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of transmission of COVID-19, as well as third-country nationals who have temporary or permanent residence in such third countries, are prohibited from entering the territory of the Czech Republic, with some exceptions, as specified in the decree on Protective Measures.

Entry without restrictions is allowed from **Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand**.

As of 27 April, **entry from the following countries is not permitted**:

- Botswana
- Brazil
- Eswatini (Swaziland)
- India
- South Africa
- Kenya
- Colombia
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Peru
- Tanzania (including the island of Zanzibar and Pemba)
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Czech citizens, persons with residency in the Czech Republic and their family members have an exception from the entry ban.

Is a coronavirus test required?

All travellers who spent longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days in a territory classified as "Orange", "Red", "Dark Red" or "Grey" are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative COVID-19 test**.

The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to arrival** (PCR) , or within **24 hours prior to arrival** (rapid antigen test). Travellers from "Dark Red" and "Grey" countries must present a PCR test. Furthermore, travellers from "Grey" countries must also undergo another PCR test within 24 hours from the arrival.

Additionally, all travellers from "Orange", "Red", "Dark Red" and "Grey" countries must wear an FFP2 respirator for 14 days after the arrival.

Further information can be found at covid.gov.cz

Is a quarantine required?

Travellers from "**Red**", "**Dark Red**" and "**Grey**" areas must self-isolate until a second negative test result is provided. For travellers from "Red" areas, the test must be taken within 5 days after the arrival. For travellers from "Dark Red" areas, the test must be taken no earlier than on the 5th of the mandatory self-isolation, and finally, for travellers from "Grey" areas, the test must be taken no earlier than on the 10th of the mandatory self-isolation.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

A Passenger Locator Form is mandatory for all travellers arriving from "orange", "red" and "dark red" countries. A Medical Certificate is required for people who suffered Covid-19 disease in the past.

Other:

For citizens of the Czech Republic (including their family members) and EU/foreign citizens with a permanent residence permit, specific rules apply according to the means of transport they use (private or public).

Find out more:
Restrictions on the entry of foreigners
Protective measure
Travelling abroad

May I transit this country?

PARTIALLY

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction. EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

Additionally, **for the Czech Republic, the following rules apply**:

Transit from low-risk countries is allowed without any restrictions in place. For other countries, the transit is allowed only to return to the home country, and a diplomatic note with information on the date and place of entry and exit is needed.

As of 27 April, **transit from the following countries through the Czech Republic is not permitted**:

- Botswana
- Brazil
- Eswatini (Swaziland)
- India
- South Africa
- Kenya
- Colombia
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Peru
- Tanzania (including the island of Zanzibar and Pemba)
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

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General measures

Updated measures are available at the Czech Covid Portal (in Czech and English)

Use of facemasks

It is not mandatory to wear a facemask outdoors if a maximum number of 2 people at 2 metres distance is respected.

The usage of a facemask is still mandatory within territorial clusters (for example in healthcare and social service facilities, on public transport, when travelling by subway etc.), with some exceptions.

Wearing a facemask is also compulsory in vehicles with people who do not belong to the same household and in areas of municipalities open to the public, if there are more than two people present, who are closer than two metres from each other and who are not members of the same household.

Wearing FFP2 masks is mandatory in the indoor space of retail outlets, service outlets, international airports, public transport, including platforms and waiting rooms and in private vehicles (with the exception of people from the same household).

In the most high-risk places, such as shops or public transport means, it will no longer be possible to replace the respirator with a double surgical mask.

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Facemasks

Physical Distancing

Physical distance should be kept whenever possible, with some exceptions. In all establishments a **2-metres** distance has to be maintained.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Indoors events can take place with a maximum of 500 participants (and 50% maximum capacity). Open-air events can be attended by up to 1000 people (and 50% maximum capacity).

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Tourism in Czech Republic

EU Digital COVID Certificates

Information on "EU Digital COVID Certificates" issued in the Czech Republic

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The EU Digital COVID Certificate (available from **1 July 2021**) provides proof that a person has either:

- **been vaccinated against COVID-19** (vaccine type and manufacturer, number of doses, date of vaccination);
- **received a negative test result**, PCR or rapid antigen, with the name of the test, date and time of test, test centre and result (self-tests are not valid);
- **recovered from COVID-19**.

When travelling, holders of the EU Digital COVID Certificate will have the same rights as citizens of the visited Member State who have been vaccinated, tested or recovered.

The certificate provides a standardised recognition of the holder's status related to vaccination, recovery from COVID or test result. Each country continues to be responsible for the definition of its own entry requirements and rules, which are not standardised at the EU level. This means that **what you will be eligible for, upon presentation of this certificate, depends on the measures and entry rules in place at your country of destination**.

How does it work:

1. **Member States** issue a certificate automatically or upon request, which is issued either digitally or on paper, and has a QR code with an electronic signature;
2. **Citizens** store the certificate in their digital app or wallet and can use it when they travel;
3. When the **verifier** asks the citizen for the certificate, the QR code is shown and the digital signature is verified.

Find out more:
Information on the EU Digital COVID Certificate

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From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

NO

Czechia adopts its own national classification of risk areas, hence travel restrictions for Czechia are not based on the common "EU Traffic Lights" map.

Non-essential travel to Czechia is banned, regardless of the country of origin. People working, studying and visiting their families in Czechia are exempted from the travel ban, as well as people travelling to health and social facilities, weddings and funerals.

Travelling for tourism or to visit friends is not possible.

Is a coronavirus test required?

All travellers who spent longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days in a territory classified as "Orange", "Red" or "Dark Red" are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative COVID-19 test**.

The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to arrival** (PCR) , or within **24 hours prior to arrival** (rapid antigen test). Travellers from "Dark Red" countries must present a PCR test.

Additionally:

- Travellers from "**Orange**" countries must wear a facemask (FFP2, KN95) for 14 days after entering the country;
- Travellers from "**Red**" countries must undergo a second PCR test at their own expenses **within 5 days from arrival**. Free movement is prohibited until a negative test result is available. Face masks (FFP2, KN95) must be worn for 14 days after entrance.
- Travellers from "**Dark Red**" countries must undergo a second PCR test at their own expenses **no earlier than 24 hours after arrival**. Free movement is prohibited until a negative test result is available. Individuals must wear a facemask (FFP2, KN95) for 14 days after entering.

Additional information can be found at covid.gov.cz

Is a quarantine required?

Travellers from "Red" and "Dark Red" areas must self-isolate until a second negative test result is provided. For travellers from "Dark Red" areas, the test must be taken no earlier than on the 10th of the mandatory self-isolation.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

A Passenger Locator Form is mandatory for travellers arriving from "Orange", "Red" and "Dark Red" countries.

A Medical Certificate is required for people who suffered Covid-19 disease in the past.

Other:

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What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Travel to the Czech Republic is possible only for essential reasons. Travelling for the purpose of tourism, or to visit friends, is not possible. All citizens of third countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of transmission of COVID-19, as well as third-country nationals who have temporary or permanent residence in such third countries, are prohibited from entering the territory of the Czech Republic, with some exceptions, as specified in the decree on Protective Measures.

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The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to arrival** (PCR) , or within **24 hours prior to arrival** (rapid antigen test). Travellers from "Dark Red" countries must present a PCR test.

Additionally, the following rules apply:

- Travellers from "**Orange**" countries must wear a facemask (FFP2, KN95) for 14 days after entering the country;
- Travellers from "**Red**" countries must undergo a second PCR test at their own expenses **within 5 days from arrival**. Free movement is prohibited until a negative test result is available. Face masks (FFP2, KN95) must be worn for 14 days after entering the Czech Republic.
- Travellers from "**Dark Red**" countries must undergo a second PCR test at their own expenses **no earlier than 24 hours after arrival**. Free movement is prohibited until a negative test result is available. Individuals must wear a facemask (FFP2, KN95) for 14 days after entering the Czech Republic.

Additional information can be found at covid.gov.cz

Is a quarantine required?

Travellers from "Red" and "Dark Red" areas must self-isolate until a second negative test result is provided. For travellers from "Dark Red" areas, the test must be taken no earlier than on the 10th of the mandatory self-isolation.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

A Passenger Locator Form is mandatory for all travellers arriving from "orange", "red" and "dark red" countries. A Medical Certificate is required for people who suffered Covid-19 disease in the past.

Other:

For citizens of the Czech Republic (including their family members) and EU/foreign citizens with a permanent residence permit, specific rules apply according to the means of transport they use (private or public).

Find out more:
Restrictions on the entry of foreigners
Protective measures
Travelling abroad

May I transit this country?

PARTIALLY

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction. EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

Additionally, **for the Czech Republic, the following rules apply**:

Transit from low-risk countries is allowed without any restrictions in place. For other countries, the transit is allowed only to return to the home country, and a diplomatic note with information on the date and place of entry and exit is needed.

As of 27 April, **transit from the following countries through the Czech Republic is not permitted**:

- Botswana
- Brazil
- Eswatini (Swaziland)
- India
- South Africa
- Kenya
- Colombia
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Peru
- Tanzania (including the island of Zanzibar and Pemba)
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Find out more:
koronavirus.mzcr.cz

General measures

Updated measures are available at the Czech Covid Portal (in Czech and English)

Use of facemasks

The usage of a facemask is mandatory in public places as well as within territorial clusters (for example in healthcare and social service facilities, on public transport, when travelling by subway etc.), with some exceptions.

Wearing a facemask is also compulsory in vehicles with people who do not belong to the same household and in developed areas of municipalities open to the public, if there are more than two people present, who are closer than two metres from each other and who are not members of the same household.

As of 25 February 2021, any person from the age of 15 is required to wear a respirator without an exhalation valve with a filtration effectiveness of at least 95% in accordance with the relevant standards (e.g. FFP2/KN 95) in the indoor space of retail outlets, service provision outlets, international airports, public transport, including platforms and waiting rooms and in private vehicles (with the exception of people from the same household).

In the outdoor municipal areas, it will be mandatory to wear at least a surgical mask, respirator or another similarly protective equipment in line with the relevant standard. In the most high-risk places, such as shops or public transport means, it will no longer be possible to replace the respirator with a double surgical mask.

Find out more:

Facemasks

Physical Distancing

Physical distance should be kept whenever possible, with some exceptions. In all establishments a **2-metres** distance has to be maintained.

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/CZE/7001

31.03.2021

From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

NO

Czechia adopts its own national classification of risk areas, hence travel restrictions for Czechia are not based on the common "EU Traffic Lights" map.

Non-essential travel to Czechia is banned, regardless of the country of origin. People working, studying and visiting their families in Czechia are exempted from the travel ban, as well as people travelling to health and social facilities, weddings and funerals.

Travelling for tourism or to visit friends is not possible.

Is a coronavirus test required?

All travellers who spent longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days in a territory classified as "Orange", "Red" or "Dark Red" are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative COVID-19 test**.

The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to arrival** (PCR) , or within 24 hours prior to arrival (rapid antigen test). Travellers from "Dark Red" countries must present a PCR test (no rapid antigen test is accepted).

Additionally, the following rules apply:

- Travellers from "**Orange**" countries must wear a face mask (FFP2, KN95, N95, P2, DS or surgical) for 14 days after entering the Czech Republic;
- Travellers from "**Red**" countries must undergo a second PCR test at their own expenses **within 5 days from arrival**. Free movement is prohibited until a negative test result is available. Face masks (FFP2, KN95, N95, P2, DS or surgical) must be worn for 14 days after entering the Czech Republic;
- Travellers from "**Dark Red**" countries must undergo a second PCR test at their own expenses **no earlier than 5 days after arrival**. Free movement is prohibited until a negative test result is available. Individuals must wear a face mask (FFP2, KN95, N95, P2, DS or surgical) for 14 days after entering the Czech Republic.

Additional information can be found at covid.gov.cz

Is a quarantine required?

Travellers from "Red" and "Dark Red" areas must self-isolate until a second negative test result is provided.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

A Passenger Locator Form is mandatory for travellers arriving from "Orange", "Red" and "Dark Red" countries.

A Medical Certificate is required for people who suffered Covid-19 disease in the past.

Find out more:
List of countries according to the level of risk
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Contact point for the Czech Republic:
+420 974 801 801
Mo – Th: 8.00 – 16.00 and Fr: 8.00 – 12.00
(The telephone hotline provides information in Czech and English)

For inquiries related to the entry into the territory, you can send an email to **cestovani.covid19@mvcr.cz**

Important phone numbers

Documents you need to travel in Europe

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

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. All citizens of third countries which are not on the list of countries with a low risk of transmission of COVID-19 and third-country nationals who have temporary or permanent residence in such third countries are prohibited from entering the territory of the Czech Republic, with some exceptions, as specified in the Protective measure.

Entry without restrictions is allowed from **Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand.**

Is a coronavirus test required?

Travellers from "orange", "red" and "dark red" areas have to provide a negative test.

"**Orange**" countries: before entering the Czech Republic, individuals who spent longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days in a territory classified as "orange" must provide a negative antigen test not older than 24 hours or an RT-PCR test not older than 72 hours. Individuals must wear a face mask (FFP2, KN95, N95, P2, DS or surgical) for 10 days after entering the Czech Republic.

"**Red**" countries: before entering the Czech Republic, individuals who spent longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days in a territory classified as "red" must provide a negative antigen test not older than 24 hours or an RT-PCR test not older than 72 hours. After entering the territory of the Czech Republic, the individual must undergo another RT-PCR test at his own expense within 5 days after arrival. Free movement is prohibited until a negative test result is available. Individuals must wear a face mask (FFP2, KN95, N95, P2, DS or surgical) for 10 days after entering the Czech Republic.

"**Dark Red**" countries: before entering the Czech Republic, individuals who spent longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days in a territory classified as "dark red" must provide a negative antigen or RT-PCR test not older than 72 hours. After entering the territory of the Czech Republic, the individual must undergo another RT-PCR test at his own expense no earlier than 5 days after arrival. Free movement is prohibited until a negative test result is available. Individuals must wear a face mask (FFP2, KN95, N95, P2, DS or surgical) for 10 days after entering the Czech Republic.

Additional information can be found at covid.gov.cz

Is a quarantine required?

From 5 February 2021, travellers from "red" and "dark red" areas must self-isolate until a second negative test result is provided.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

A Passenger Locator Form is mandatory for all travellers arriving from "orange", "red" and "dark red" countries. A Medical Certificate is required for people who suffered Covid-19 disease in the past.

Find out more:
List of countries according to the level of risk

Restrictions on the entry of foreigners

Protective measure

Travelling abroad

May I transit this country?

YES

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.

EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

Additionally, for the Czech Republic, the following rules apply:

Transit from low-risk countries is allowed without any restrictions in place. For other countries, the transit is allowed only to return to the home country, and a diplomatic note with information on the date and place of entry and exit is needed. As regards EU transit from high-risk countries, the following rules apply:

1. Airport transit: EU citizens have no additional obligations if they do not leave the airport transit zone;

2. Land transit: upon entry to the Czech Republic, EU citizens shall contact the regional hygiene station according to the place of entry and inform it that entry is done only for the purpose of transit.

Furthermore, if a person is travelling from a high-risk country or has spent there more than 12 hours in the last 14 days, transit has to happen within 12 hours.

Find out more:

koronavirus.mzcr.cz

Entry from abroad

General measures

There are 5 alert levels in the Czech anti-epidemic system. As of 27 December, Czech Republic has entered the highest restriction level.

An extended night curfew (between 21:00 and 04:59) is in place and only movements for essential reasons are possible, i.e. work, health and safety reasons as well as basic needs (including going out for dog walking). In the time-slot between 05:00 and 20:59, it is anyway only possible to go out for basic needs (visiting friends or close parents, doing the shopping, travelling to work, etc.).

Furthermore, as of 27 February 2021, a new state of emergency is in place.

Find out more:

Daily life with COVID-19

Health cover for temporary stays

Use of facemasks

The usage of a facemask is mandatory in public places as well as within territorial clusters (for example in healthcare and social service facilities, on public transport, when travelling by subway etc.), with some exceptions.

Wearing a facemask is also compulsory in vehicles with people who do not belong to the same household and in developed areas of municipalities open to the public, if there are more than two people present, who are closer than two metres from each other and who are not members of the same household.

As of 25 February 2021, any person from the age of 15 is required to wear a respirator without an exhalation valve with a filtration effectiveness of at least 95% in accordance with the relevant standards (e.g. FFP2/KN 95) in the indoor space of retail outlets, service provision outlets, international airports, public transport, including platforms and waiting rooms and in private vehicles (with the exception of people from the same household).

In the outdoor municipal areas, it will be mandatory to wear at least a surgical mask, respirator or another similarly protective equipment in line with the relevant standard. In the most high-risk places, such as shops or public transport means, it will no longer be possible to replace the respirator with a double surgical mask.

Find out more:

Facemasks

Physical Distancing

Physical distance should be kept whenever possible, with some exceptions. In all establishments a **2-metres** distance has to be maintained.

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/CZE/7001

25.01.2021

From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

No

Note: *Czechia adopts its own national classification of risk areas, hence travel restrictions for Czechia are not based on the common "EU Traffic Lights" map.*

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. Border controls have not been reintroduced.

In case of travellers for essential reasons, the following entry restrictions apply:

for EU countries classified as "high-risk" (marked in red), the free movement within the territory is banned for 10 days. This can be terminated by submission of a negative PCR test result to the regional hygienic station either within 7 days from the entry or right after arrival in case of a test taken no more than 72 hours before departure from the country of origin. Furthermore, a Passenger Locator Form is mandatory. The above-mentioned requirements are not necessary in the following conditions:

- if your stay in a red country did not exceed 12 hours in last 14 days;
- for cross-border workers, pupils and students coming from neighbouring countries;
- in case of urgent travel (for work and/or health-related reasons) for a period of time not exceeding 24 hours;
- in case of transit for up to 12 hours.

Additional information can be found on covid.gov.cz

For EU countries classified as "low-risk"

in case of orange countries marked with *, entry is allowed without restrictions and without the requirement to fill in the Passenger Locator Form. In case a foreigner working or studying in Czechia, a confirmation of a negative PCR test result has to be delivered to the employer or the educational institution.

In the case of green countries, entry is allowed without restrictions.

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Specific measures for the new variant of coronavirus

Entry to the Czech Republic by direct flight from the UK is permitted only for passengers who are either Czech citizens or those who hold residency or a long-term valid visa for the Czech Republic. You must present a negative RT-PCR or antigen test that has been taken in the UK and is no older than 72 hours. Without Czech citizenship, proof of residency or a long-term visa, you will not be permitted to enter the Czech Republic.

On arrival in the Czech Republic, you must self-isolate for at least 5 days, before undertaking a further RT-PCR or antigen test between 5-7 days after arrival. A negative test result ends this period of self-isolation. You are also required to fill in the Passenger Locator Form and present it upon arrival.

Other foreigners may fly only for air transit or transfer at the same airport, provided that they do not stay in the Czech Republic for more than 12 hours.

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.

This decision does not affect cross-border workers in any new way. Border controls have not been reintroduced.

May I transit this country?

Partially

Transit from low-risk countries is allowed without any restrictions in place. For other countries, the transit is allowed only to return to the home country, and a diplomatic note with information on the date and place of entry and exit is needed. As regards EU transit from high-risk countries, the following rules apply:

1. Airport transit: EU citizens have no additional obligations if they do not leave the airport transit zone;

2. Land transit: upon entry to the Czech Republic, EU citizens shall contact the regional hygiene station according to the place of entry and inform it that entry is done only for the purpose of transit.

Furthermore, if a person is travelling from a high-risk country or has spent there more than 12 hours in the last 14 days, transit has to happen within 12 hours.

Find out more:

koronavirus.mzcr.cz

Entry from abroad

General measures

There are 5 alert levels in the Czech anti-epidemic system. As of 27 December, **Czechia has entered a higher restriction level**: **from level 4 to level 5 of the Counter Epidemic Score, corresponding to the highest level.**

An extended night curfew (between 21:00 and 04:59) is in place and only movements for essential reasons are possible, i.e. work, health and safety reasons as well as basic needs (including going out for dog walking). In the time-slot between 05:00 and 20:59, it is anyway only possible to go out for basic needs (visiting friends or close parents, doing the shopping, travelling to work, etc.).

The state of emergency will be in force until 14 February 2021.

Full details are available on the press release of 23 December 2020

Find out more:

Daily life with COVID-19

Health cover for temporary stays

Use of facemasks

As of 18.09.2020, **the usage of a mask is mandatory in public places** as well as within territorial clusters (for example in healthcare and social service facilities, on public transport, when travelling by subway etc.), with some exceptions.

As of 22.10.2020, wearing a mask is also compulsory in vehicles with people who do not belong to the same household and in developed areas of municipalities open to the public, if there are **more than two people present**, who are closer than two metres from each other and who are not members of the same household.

Find out more:

Government resolution (in Czech)

Face masks

Physical Distancing

Physical distance should be kept whenever possible, with some exceptions. In all establishments a **2-metres** distance has to be maintained.

Find out more:
Conditions for entry into Czechia
List of countries according to the level of risk
Protective measure
Travelling abroad

14.12.2020

From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

No

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.

This decision does not affect cross-border workers in any new way. Border controls have not been reintroduced.

In case of travellers for essential reasons, the following entry restrictions apply:

for EU countries classified as "high-risk" (marked in red) t he free-movement within the territory is banned for 10 days. This can be terminated by submission of a negative PCR test result to the regional hygienic station either within 7 days from the entry, or right after arrival in case of a test taken no more than 72 hours before departure from the country of origin. Furthermore a Passenger Locator Form is mandatory. The above-mentioned requirements are not necessary in the following conditions:

- if your stay in a red country did not exceed 12 hours in last 14 days;
- for cross-border workers, pupils and students coming from neighboring countries;
- in case of urgent travel (for work and/or health-related reasons) for a period of time not exceeding 24 hours;
- in case of transit up to 12 hours.

For EU countries classified as "low-risk"

in case of orange countries marked with *, entry is allowed without restrictions and without the requirement to fill-in the Passenger Locator Form. In case a foreigner working or studying in Czechia, a confirmation of a negative PCR test result has to be delivered to the employer or the educational institution.

In case of green countries, entry is allowed without restrictions.

May I transit this country?

Partially

Transit from low-risk countries is allowed without any restrictions in place. For other countries the transit is allowed only to return to the home country, and a diplomatic note with information on the date and place of entry and exit is needed. As regards EU transit from high risk countries, the following rules apply:

1. Airport transit: EU citizens have no additional obligations, if they do not leave the airport transit zone;

2. Land transit: upon entry to the Czech Republic, EU citizens shall contact the regional hygiene station according to the place of entry and inform it that entry is done only for the purpose of transit.

Furthermore, if a person is travelling from a high-risk country or has spent there more than 12 hours in the last 14 days, transit has to happen within 12 hours.

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

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.

This decision does not affect cross-border workers in any new way. Border controls have not been reintroduced.

In case of travellers for essential reasons, the following entry restrictions apply:

For non-EU countries classified as "high-risk" (red countries) the free-movement within the territory is banned for 10 days. This can be terminated by submission of a negative PCR test result to the regional hygienic station either within 7 days from the entry, or right after arrival in case of a test taken no more than 72 hours before departure from the country of origin. Furthermore a Passenger Locator Form is mandatory. The above-mentioned requirements are not necessary in the following conditions:

- if your stay in a red country did not exceed 12 hours in last 14 days;
- for cross-border workers, pupils and students coming from neighboring countries;
- in case of urgent travel (for work and/or health-related reasons) for a period of time not exceeding 24 hours;
- in case of transit up to 12 hours.

For non-EU countries classified as "low-risk" (green countries):

as of 16.11.2020, the national list of low-risk third countries includes **Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, South Korea, Singapore and Japan**. From these countries, entry is allowed without restrictions.

Find out more:

Conditions for entry into Czechia

List of countries according to the level of risk

Protective measure

Third-country nationals

Find out more:

koronavirus.mzcr.cz

Entry from abroad

Documents you need to travel in Europe

14.10.2020

Entry Restrictions

Entry from EU+ countries is allowed without restrictions, with the exception of countries defined as "high risk" from an epidemiological point of view.

EU+ comprises EU Member States plus Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and the Republic of San Marino.

An updated **list of countries according to their level of risk** is available on the Ministry of Health website.

For countries classified as green, entry is allowed without restrictions.
For EU countries classified as red, presentation of a negative test for Covid-19 or quarantine is necessary. This applies both to Czech citizens and to citizens of EU countries who are allowed to travel to the Czech Republic as tourists.
For non-EU countries classified as red (countries which are not on the list) where there is a high risk of infection, specific conditions determined by the protective measure appl y (citizens of these countries may only travel to the Czech Republic for the reasons specified in the protective measure and subject to presentation of a negative test for Covid-19, or by undergoing a period of quarantine).

Travelling from the Czech Republic or returning to the Czech Republic

This map shows countries which are **safe for travel** (in green). Countries marked in red are considered at high risk of infection of Covid-19. Citizens and residents of the Czech Republic can travel to countries marked in green without restrictions. A test for Covid-19 will be required when returning from countries marked in red.

Country specific Travel Advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Transit

Transit from low-risk countries is allowed without any restrictions in place. For other countries the transit is allowed only to return to the home country, and a diplomatic note with information on the date and place of entry and exit is needed. As regards EU transit from high risk countries, the following rules apply:

1. Airport transit: EU citizens have no additional obligations, if they do not leave the airport transit zone;

2. Land transit: upon entry to the Czech Republic, EU citizens shall contact the regional hygiene station according to the place of entry and inform it that entry is done only for the purpose of transit.

Furthermore, if a person is travelling from a high-risk country or has spent there more than 12 hours in the last 14 days, transit has to happen within 12 hours.

Third-country nationals coming from outside the EU and Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein

Travellers coming from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Thailand, Tunisia, South Korea and Japan can enter the territory of Czechia without restrictions.

Travellers coming from third-countries where there is a high risk of infection can enter the territory of Czechia only for the special reasons specified in the protective measures and are subject to presentation of a negative PCR test within 5 days (from six years of age). Moreover, an arrival form must be filled in order to notify the entry to the relevant regional hygienic station. Alternatively, quarantine is required.

Find out more:

Return from abroad

Third-country nationals

Extraordinary and protective measures of the Ministry of Health

Quarantine

Travellers from countries with medium and high-risk will be allowed entry only if belonging to exempted categories, and after undergoing quarantine or providing a certificate with a negative COVID-19 result performed within 72 hours prior to their arrival. People coming from countries with a low risk of infection can travel to the Czech Republic without restrictions. The list of countries is based on the epidemiological situation and is updated on a weekly basis. EU citizens entering for the purpose of economic activity for a period exceeding 72 hours have to submit a medical certificate. Third-country citizens belonging to a specific category of people who can enter the country, have to submit a medical certificate supplemented by a negative test.
The list of countries by level of disease risk can be found at koronavirus.mzcr.cz

Mandatory Travel Documentation

A Passenger Locator Form is mandatory for all persons travelling from countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of infection.

Find out more:

www.mvcr.cz
koronavirus.mzcr.cz

Documents you need to travel in Europe

02.10.2020

Entry Restrictions

Entry from EU+ countries is allowed without restrictions, with the exception of countries defined as "high risk" from an epidemiological point of view.

EU+ comprises EU Member States plus Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and the Republic of San Marino.

An updated **list of countries according to their level of risk** is available on the Ministry of Health website.

For countries classified as green, entry is allowed without restrictions.
For EU countries classified as red, presentation of a negative test for Covid-19 or quarantine is necessary. This applies both to Czech citizens and to citizens of EU countries who are allowed to travel to the Czech Republic as tourists.
For non-EU countries classified as red (countries which are not on the list) where there is a high risk of infection, specific conditions determined by the protective measure apply (citizens of these countries may only travel to the Czech Republic for the reasons specified in the protective measure and subject to presentation of a negative test for Covid-19, or by undergoing a period of quarantine).

Travelling from the Czech Republic or returning to the Czech Republic

This map shows countries which are **safe for travel** (in green). Countries marked in red are considered at high risk of infection of Covid-19. Citizens and residents of the Czech Republic can travel to countries marked in green without restrictions. A test for Covid-19 will be required when returning from countries marked in red.

Country specific Travel Advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

A Passenger Locator Form is mandatory for all persons travelling from countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of infection.

Find out more:

www.mvcr.cz
koronavirus.mzcr.cz

Documents you need to travel in Europe

26.08.2020

Travelling to Czechia
Entry from EU countries is allowed without restrictions, with the exception of **Romania** and, from 24/8, **Spain**.

Travelling from Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein, as well as Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and the Republic of San Marino, is allowed without restrictions.

Travelling from Czechia or returning to Czechia

This map shows countries which are **safe for travel (in green).** If countries are marked in red, there is an unfavorable development of covid-19 with a high risk of infection in that country. Citizens and residents of the Czech Republic can travel to countries marked in green without restrictions when returning. A test for covid-19 will be required when travelling from countries marked in red.

Country specific Travel Advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Rules and Exceptions
Czechia divides countries in two categories: **green** and **red**.

For countries classified as green, entry is allowed without restrictions.

For EU countries classified as red, presentation of a negative test for covid-19 or undergoing a period of quarantine is necessary. This applies both to Czech citizens and also to citizens of those EU countries who can also travel to the Czech Republic as tourists.

For non-EU countries classified as red (countries which are not on the list) where there is a high risk of infection, specific conditions determined by the protective measure appl y (citizens of these countries may only travel to the Czech Republic for the reasons specified in the protective measure and subject to presentation of a negative test for covid-19, or by undergoing a period of quarantine).

The following third countries are considered to be at low risk of Covid-19: Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Thailand, Tunisia, South Korea and Japan.

Mandatory Travel Documentation
No special documentation required.

Find out more:
www.mvcr.cz
koronavirus.mzcr.cz

Documents you need to travel in Europe

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/CZE

Source: European Commission

22.07.2020

Entry into the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic applies entry restrictions depending on the epidemiological situation. Consult the website for the latest rules and applicable exemptions.

Further information:
https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/coronavirus-information-o...

More info:
https://www.vlada.cz/en/media-centrum/aktualne/measures-adopted-by-the...

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/home_en

SOURCE: WCO/General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic

06.04.2020

Measures taken by the General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic
regarding the COVID-19 outbreak

Since the beginning of the declared COVID-19 state of emergency on 12 March, the General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic follows closely the Government decisions, instructions from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of the Interior and other institutions.

Special attention is paid regarding legal instruments, instructions, notes and recommendations from the European Commission which apply in the whole European Union.

Internally, the General Directorate of Customs informs all staff about relevant decisions and instructs about necessary procedure to be followed. All instructions are regularly updated and published on the internal website of the Customs administration.

Externally, the General Directorate of Customs publishes information on its website www.celnisprava.cz and deals individually with relevant stakeholders (government and other state and institutions, transport operators, companies…).

In order to prevent the further expansion of the COVID-19 epidemic and, on the other hand, to remain operational and continue performance of customs activities, the General Directorate of Customs adopted the following measures in connection with the state of emergency which apply for all customs procedures:

- Health protection and safety – use of personal protective equipment, hygiene and disinfection measures;
- Restriction on movement of persons within the public areas of Customs offices (entry to the building upon demand, body temperature checks);
- Limitation of direct contact with declarants and drivers (isolated rooms for storage and distribution of mail and other documents, where possible, documents are sent electronically);
- Protection based on the social distancing principle (change of shifts for customs officers, teleworking where possible);
- Flexibility towards extension of time-limits, deadlines and validity of documents, certificates and declarations;
- Temporary export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies (such as medicines, disinfection and protective equipment);
- Reliefs from customs duty and taxes for the import or temporary admission of medical, surgical and laboratory equipment in line with the current legal provisions;
- Facilitation of customs procedures and customs formalities in line with the current legal provisions;
- Recommendation to use simplifications.

Practical implementation of the measures and further facilitation depends on the facilities and overall situation at each Customs office.

Until today, the General Directorate of Customs has not identified any serious problem or obstacles affecting the proper functioning of all customs procedures. At this moment of time, there are on-going efforts to manage the current difficult situation while ensuring compliance with the legal obligations.

Introduction of priority lanes for priority transfer for the carriage of goods (20.03.2020)

The Czech Republic has introduced so called “priority lanes” for priority transfers for carriage of medical, sanitary materials and devices, live animals, perishable goods, mail and fuel designated for the continuous supply of fuel stations on border sections of its main motorways D1, D2, D5, D8 and D11 between the Czech Republic and its neighbouring states Germany, Poland and Slovakia.

Start date: 19.03.2020

End date: not available

Further information: https://www.mdcr.cz/Media/Media-a-tiskove-zpravy/Od-soboty-plati-mimorad...

Entry restriction to non-Czech nationals and travel restriction from the Czech Republic (15.03.2020)

From midnight from Sunday 15/03 to Monday 16/03, the ban to entry is extended to all foreigners, not only from high risk epidemic countries. Foreigners residing in the Czech Republic with temporary residence over 90 days or permanent residence are excluded from this measure. Further, the ban to travel from the Czech Republic will apply on citizens of the Czech Republic and persons with permanent or temporary residence over 90 days. In addition a number exceptions are valid to these travel restrictions (Government Resolution No. 203 of 13 March 2020)

Start date: 16.03.2020

End date: not available

Further information: https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/traveling-during-the-state-of-emergen...