

Coronavirus Q & A

Prague & Czech Republic (CZ) Current Situation

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How many confirmed cases are there in Prague / CZ now?

So far, there have been more than 760,000 confirmed cases of coronavirus at the Czech Republic area (of which currently more than 120,000 positively tested). The detailed tracking is available at the website of the [Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic](#) in Czech language. Update of the worldwide situation can be found [here](#).

There is special Czech phone number – 1221 - established for all questions related to COVID-19 infection in the Czech Republic, incl. travelling, tests and quarantine, and safety measures currently applied. The service is available also in English.

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What are the security measures in place to prevent the spread of the virus in Prague?

- **State of Emergency was re-introduced in the Czech Republic starting October 5, 2020 and valid until January 22, 2021;**
- **Anti-epidemic system called PES (DOG) was launched in the Czech Republic in the end of 2020 evaluating current epidemiological situation which is classified into five levels marking also the related measures applicable for each of the levels. The current situation, levels and measures can be found in the Czech language [here](#).**
- **From December 27, 2020 on, mass events are banned.** Face masks are mandatory to wear at all interiors and outdoor areas (built-up urban areas) where the social distance of at least two metres is not applicable;
- **From December 27, 2020 on, shops, restaurants and hotels have to be closed (with exceptions as stated in the PES / DOG document).**
- **Czech Republic applies so called “[traffic light](#)” system as of June 15, 2020 based on the ECDC metrics. Based on evaluation of epidemiologic situation, the EU+ countries will be divided into three groups according to a level of risk of COVID-19 - low (green), medium (orange) and high (red) risk. EU+ citizens and citizens of other countries with the granted status of long-term resident in the EU may enter the Czech Republic without the necessity of having a**

negative PCR test and without the necessity to prove the purpose of travel in case they travel from the country with low risk (green).

See the current measures applied in our [infographics!](#)

Prague Airport Measures

Air carriers gradually re-open the air traffic from/to Prague. In course of summer, 80 were re-launched. Please, check the information available on the [Prague Airport web](#) and social media.

Prague Airport also adopted the measures to educate its passengers to create conditions to timely detect and prevent further spreading of the infection. There was a special crisis team created to deal with the current situation which cooperates very closely with all the public health authorities in the Czech Republic. Recently, Prague Airport received [ACI Airport Health Accreditation](#), that proves a high level of functioning protective measures ensures increased safety of passengers flying through Prague.

Stricter sanitation rules apply within the airport area, such as frequent disinfection across terminals and gates after every boarding, there are more than 250 disinfection dispenser installed in the whole airport area and social distancing is applied. Passengers and visitors can now be [tested](#) for the presence of the virus causing COVID-19 directly at Václav Havel Airport Prague and can buy face masks and other gear preventing the spreading of infection from the vending machines installed at the airport.

The complete list of currently applied protective measures at the Prague Airport can be found [here](#).

Czech Airlines (ČSA) now allows to change the date free of charge for all the bookings done until the end 2020 and date of departure until March 31, 2021. For more information, please, contact your transportation provider or call the ČSA clients support: +420 284 000 601.

Prague Public Transportation Measures

All the means of public transportation system are disinfected on a regular basis. Special disinfection, which effect should last two years, is has been tested in the selected means of transportation.

- Please note that the operation of the inter-regional transportation from/to Prague can be still limited due to the low number of passengers. Please, check the latest information on the websites of your transport company.
- The Airport Express and public transportation line Nr. 119 connecting the city centre and Prague Airport are limited. Please, check the current timetable online before your journey.

Other

City of Prague also decided to disinfect all the common areas at the buildings, where the apartments have been rented to tourists for short-term stays via Airbnb.

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What are your recommendations for onsite arrangements?

Our recommendation is, especially, to follow the standard hygienic procedures. We also strongly recommend to read and follow the latest [Key planning recommendations for Mass Gatherings in the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak](#) published by the WHO (World Health Organization). Some more information can be found also in the newly published “[Good Practice Guide: Addressing COVID-19 Requirements for Re-Opening Business Events](#)” produced by AIPC, the International Association of Convention Centres, ICCA, the global community and knowledge hub for the international association meetings industry, and UFI, the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry.

Please, don't hesitate to contact your partners, venues and service providers here in Prague for the latest information about cancellation or rebooking policies. Prague Convention Bureau team is also available for any further questions you may have.

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Are the venues prepared to take the necessary measures?

Yes, for example the Prague Congress Centre (PCC) is able to equip all bathrooms, cloakrooms, info desks and entrance areas with disinfection gels and increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfection of all areas. If required, the PCC may assign one of the gates exclusively for medical screening of all incoming guests to prevent entrance of infected visitors. The required personnel is 4 staff equipped with non-contact thermometers and protective equipment, per 500 delegates (250 CZK/hour/person).

Cubex Centre Prague is also taking increased hygienic measures to minimize the risk of spreading the coronavirus, including: intensive above-standard cleaning after every event, disinfection of air-conditioning units, disinfectants available for

delegates, free thermometers for organizers to borrow, option to arrange external employee to monitor compliance with current restrictions and event hybridization possible, if government regulations will limit the number of participants attending the event. The complete list with detailed information is available for download [here](#).

The health of the visitor is the highest priority for the O2 universum and therefore increased hygienic measures against the spread of the coronavirus have been taken. Regular disinfection of all areas, tailor-made catering to fit in current regulations and hygienic rules, disinfection stations are available for all visitors and there are regular health checks of the employees as well. The special offer, which includes spacious hall to guarantee social distance and other benefits of the O2 universum, is available [here](#).

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Where can I find more information about the current situation in CZ?

Detailed information (some in Czech) are updated regularly on the websites of [the Czech Ministry of Health](#), closely cooperating with ECDC, WHO and EU, [the Government of the Czech Republic](#), [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic](#), [the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic](#), and [the National Institute of Public Health](#), or on the [Prague City Council website](#).