

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 2,480,000 confirmed cases of coronavirus at the Czech Republic area (of which currently more than 133,000 positively tested) and more than 15,480,000 vaccinations have been provided. 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?

- **From May 31 on, the educational events (incl. congresses and conferences) are allowed. Current limits for educational events are as follows (please note, that the private events with other than educational purpose follows different measures!):**
 - with effect from November 26, the limit for the cultural performances, sport matches and CONGRESSES is set to 1,000 pax – all the participants must be seated;
 - with effect from November 22, for events with 20+ pax only those fully vaccinated or those with a certificate from a healthcare professional acknowledging the past COVID-19 infection in the previous 180 days will be allowed to attend the event;
 - the distance of the spectators from the place designated for performers must be at least 2 m;
 - buffet / buffet with service type of refreshment is allowed at events, following the general rules set for the catering establishments (stated in the bullet points below);

- when organizing a trade show, organizer is able to use such a capacity of the venue in which the social distance of at least 1,5m is applicable.

The Czech Government has approved a measure **ordering the organizers of mass events with the expected participation of more than 1,000 pax (when allowed) to announce the organization of this event to the relevant regional hygienic station**, no later than 5 days before the date of the event.

- Face masks (at least FFP2 or KN95 class) are mandatory to wear at all interiors and outdoor areas (built-up urban areas where it won't be possible to keep the social distance at least 1,5 meters and simultaneously, more than 30 people are present in that respective outdoor spot. An exception to this rule will then apply to the time strictly necessary for the consumption of food and beverages outside catering establishments);
- **From May 24 on, the accommodation establishments are allowed to open under strict rules applied to guest** (a vaccination certificate, or proof of recovery from Covid-19 in the past 180 days. PCR tests can be used only by those travelling for a business reason. A business guest with a negative PCR test will be able to stay for seven days, for longer stays the test will need to be repeated.)
- **From May 31 on, restaurants re-opens under strict hygienic rules applied to guests** (face masks, social distance of 1,5 metre, 6 people at one table at max, a vaccination certificate, or proof of recovery from Covid-19 in the past 180 days. No PCR or antigen tests are valid proof to enter the establishment!).
- 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 four groups according to a level of risk of COVID-19 - low (green), medium (orange), high (red) and very high (dark red) risk. Please, check the current measures on travelling from abroad on the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic or on the websites of relevant embassy. **The Ministry also set new rules from returning from those countries, where the new COVID-19 mutation is being spread – more information available in the press release in the Czech language [here](#) and [here](#).**

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 2021, Prague will be connected with more than 100 destinations around the world.

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) again extended the option to change the date of flight with no rebooking fees. For all existing and new individual bookings made before 31 March 2022 with a return date on or before 31 March 2022, Czech Airlines will process change of travel dates free of charge. For more information, please, see the following [website](#), contact your transportation provider or call the Czech Airlines' client's 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. **Please do follow the information and guidelines we prepared for event organizers and that can be download on our websites [here](#).**

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). More information about PCC's measures can be found [here](#).

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](#). There is also special governmental portal [COVID.GOV](#) dealing with all measures currently applied in the Czech Republic, all of them listed by topics (event related information available [here](#)).