

Rules for entry and return to the Czech Republic under the Ministry of Health Protective Measure

☑ STEP 1: DO I BELONG TO ONE OF THE CATEGORIES BELOW?

✓ YES: I may continue in steps 2 to 5

* NO: the rules of my entry are laid out in a separate table "PART A"

Categories	Definition	Relevant documents
 ✓ Family member of a Czech or EU+ citizen* 	 spouses; registered partners; children below the age of 21; parents of children below the age of 21; parents, grandparents or descendants dependent on sustenance or other necessary care; partner 	 copy of ID / temporary residence permit of a person with whom a family member unifies PLUS family links proof: birth certificate, marriage certificate or registered partnership certificate, documents proving the dependency on sustenance or necessary care
✓ Citizen of a third country with a low risk of COVID-19 transmission non-residing in the Czech Republic or another EU+ country	- citizen of a third country with a low risk of COVID-19 transmission without a residence permit / permitted stay issued by the Czech Republic or without a long-term or permanent residence permit in EU+ - third country national with a long-term or permanent residence permit in a third country with a low risk of COVID-19 transmission	⇒ I may enter the Czech Republic for any reason: return to home, travel to work or for study, family visit, travel to doctor's or to deal with official matters, attendance at funeral, attendance at wedding, tourism, etc.
✓ Citizen of a third country with a very high risk of COVID- 19 transmission non-residing in the Czech Republic or another EU+ country	 citizen of a third country with a very high risk of COVID-19 transmission without a residence permit / permitted stay issued by the Czech Republic or without a long-term or permanent residence permit in EU+ third country national with a temporary (including a short-term visa) or permanent residence permit in a third country with a very high risk of COVID-19 transmission 	⇒ there is a general entry ban to the Czech Republic ⇒ entry is possible only to categories of persons listed ANNEX 1
✓ Citizen of a third country with an extreme risk of	Countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission: Botswana, Brazil, Eswatini (Swaziland), India, Republic of South Africa, Colombia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal,	⇒ there is a general entry ban to the Czech Republic



COVID-19 transmission arriving from a	Peru, Tanzania (including Zanzibar and Pemba islands),
country with an extreme risk of	
COVID-19 transmission	
Foreign nationals staying over 12	
hours in the last 14 days in a country	
with an extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission	

☑ STEP 2: WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR YOUR ENTRY?

- > Currently, I may enter the Czech Republic only based on the following reasons:
 - √ journeys absolutely essential for obtaining basic needs, for ensuring child care
 - ✓ journeys for ensuring animal care, for using necessary financial and postal services, refuelling
 - √ urgent journeys to medical facilities
 - √ journeys to social services facilities
 - √ journeys for the purpose of handling of urgent official matters
 - √ funerals
- > I cannot travel to the Czech Republic to visit friends or for tourism.

NOTE: a citizen of a third country with a low risk of COVID-19 transmission and a third country national with a long-term or permanent residence permit in a third country with a low risk of COVID-19 transmission may enter the Czech Republic for any reason (return to home, travel to work or for study, family visit, travel to doctor's or to deal with official matters, attendance at funeral, attendance at wedding, tourism, etc.)

☑ STEP 3: AM I A VACCINATED PERSON OR A PERSON WHO HAS SUFFERED COVID-19?



Currently, there are no exceptions applicable to me.

☑ STEP 4: DOES THE REASON OF MY ENTRY BELONG TO ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS FROM THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RULES?

Exceptions: a) international transport; b) diplomats and officials of international organisations in CZ travelling for business purpose not exceeding 72 hours; c) children below the age of 6; d) professional artists and professional athletes; e) prison service and policemen; f) critical infrastructure; g) integrated rescue system service

- ✓ YES: I may enter in line with epidemiological rules in regard to COVID-19 pandemic of each exception (ANNEX 3)
- **✗ NO:** I must enter in line with step 5

☑ STEP 5: WHICH COUNTRY DO I ENTER FROM AFTER THE STAY FOR MORE THAN 12 HOURS DURING THE LAST 14 DAYS?

- Countries are categorised in accordance of the risk of COVID-19 transmission: countries with a low, medium, high, very high and extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission
- > See the list of countries in accordance with the Ministry of Health Notification issuing a list of countries, or their parts, with a low, medium and high risk of COVID-19 transmission or in accordance with the Ministry of Health Protective Measure for countries with an extreme risk of transmission of COVID-19 disease caused by the new mutations of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus

✓ COUNTRIES WITH A LOW RISK OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

▶ the entry is permitted under the same conditions as before the pandemic COVID-19

✓ COUNTRIES WITH A MEDIUM RISK OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

- ❖ STEP 1: obligation to undergo an antigen test 48 hours or less or a RT-PCR test 72 hours or less prior to departure to the Czech Republic; with a negative test result.
- ❖ STEP 2: obligation to possess the filled-in the Passenger Form* and announce the arrival to you locally competent regional public health authority (hygiene station), prior to the entry to the Czech Republic.
- ❖ STEP 3: if requested, obligation to submit a document confirming the filling in the Passenger Form, test or a written confirmation that I belong to one of the exceptions in line with ANNEX 3.



CAUTION:

Employees and students in the Czech Republic: obligation to inform their employer or school about travels exceeding 12 hours (or 24 hours in case of neighbouring countries) to a country with a medium risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Employers and schools: in case of test in the Czech Republic, obligation to have a negative test result after the entry / return to the Czech Republic submitted in order to permit the entry to a workplace / school.

✓ COUNTRIES WITH A HIGH RISK OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

✓ COUNTRIES WITH A VERY HIGH RISK OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

- countries, which are not on the list in accordance with the Ministry of Health Notification issuing as countries with a low, medium, high or extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission, are considered automatically as countries with a very high risk of COVID-19 transmission
- > I am banned from entering unless I belong to one of the exceptions in line with ANNEX 1
- * STEP 1: obligation to undergo a RT-PCR test 72 hours or less prior to departure to the Czech Republic; with a negative test result.
- ❖ STEP 2: obligation to possess the filled-in the Passenger Form* and announce the arrival to you locally competent regional public health authority (hygiene station), prior to the entry to the Czech Republic.
- ❖ STEP 3: if requested, obligation to submit a document confirming the filling in the Passenger Form, test or a written confirmation that I belong to one of the exceptions in line with ANNEX 3.
- ❖ STEP 4: obligation to undergo a RT-PCR test at the earliest on the 5th day, but at the latest on the 14th day, from the entry to the Czech Republic. The test result will be submitted automatically to the locally competent regional public health authority via an information system.
- ❖ STEP 5: obligation of self-isolation* until the result of the test undergone in the Czech Republic.

CAUTION:

Employees and students in the Czech Republic: obligation to inform their employer or school about travels exceeding 12 hours (or 24 hours in case of neighbouring countries) to a country with a high or very high risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Employers and schools: in case of test in the Czech Republic, obligation to have a negative test result after the entry / return to the Czech Republic submitted in order to permit the entry to a workplace / school. The entry to a workplace / school cannot be permitted prior to the 5th day from the entry / return to the Czech Republic.



✓ COUNTRIES WITH AN EXTREME RISK OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION¹

- > Botswana, Brazil, Eswatini (Swaziland), India, Republic of South Africa, Colombia, Lesotho, Namibia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, Russia, Tanzania (including Zanzibar and Pemba islands), Zambia and Zimbabwe
- > I am banned from entering unless I belong to one of the exceptions in line with ANNEX 2

Exceptions from epidemiological obligations in regard to COVID-19 pandemic: only international transport workers and children below the age of 6 (step 2 shall be applied)

- **STEP 1:** obligation to undergo a RT-PCR test 72 hours or less prior to departure to the Czech Republic; with a negative test result.
- ❖ STEP 2: obligation to possess the filled-in the Passenger Form* and announce the arrival to you locally competent regional public health authority (hygiene station), prior to the entry to the Czech Republic. CAUTION: this applies likewise to international transport and children below the age 6.
- * STEP 3: obligation to have a reservation confirmation of a RT-PCR test, which will be undergone within 24 hours from the entry to the Czech Republic.
- * STEP 4: if requested, obligation to submit a document confirming the filling in the Passenger Form, test or a written confirmation that I belong to one of the exceptions (international transport or children below the age of 6) at the border control or residence check.
- * STEP 5: obligation to undergo a first RT-PCR test at own expense within 24 hours from the entry to the Czech Republic.
- ❖ STEP 6: obligation to undergo a second RT-PCR test at the earliest on the 10th day, but at the latest on the 14th day, from the entry to the Czech Republic. The test result will be submitted automatically to the locally competent regional public health authority via an information system.
- * STEP 7: until the result of the test undergone in the Czech Republic, there is obligation of isolation prohibiting free movement with the exception of a) travels absolutely necessary to procure basic necessities of life, to take care of children; and b) urgent travels to medical facilities. Obligation to wear a respirator* outside of home for the duration of 14 days.

CAUTION:

Employees and students in the Czech Republic: obligation to inform their employer or school about travels exceeding 12 hours (or 24 hours in case of neighbouring countries) to a country with an extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Employers and schools: in case of test in the Czech Republic, obligation to have a negative test result after the entry / return to the Czech Republic submitted in order to permit the entry to a workplace / school. The entry to a workplace / school cannot be permitted prior to the 10th day from the entry / return to the Czech Republic.

¹ From 1. 7. until 31. 7. 2021 there is at the same time entry ban into countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission for Czech citizens and foreign nationals with a residence in the Czech Republic. This ban does not apply to citizens of countries with an extreme risk of transmission and for travels, which cannot be postponed due to their nature and which were announced beforehand to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.



ANNEX 1

EXCEPTIONS FROM ENTRY BAN TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC FOR THE CITIZENS OF THIRD COUNTRIES WITH A VERY HIGH RISK OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION AND THIRD COUNTRY CITIZENS WITH TEMPORARY (INCLUDING A SHORT-TERM VISA) OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN COUNTRIES WITH A VERY HIGH RISK OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

Categories of persons	Definition of a category	Relevant documents
a) citizen of a country with a low risk of COVID-19 transmission or a foreign national with a long-term or permanent residence permit in a country with a low risk of COVID-19 transmission	 citizen of a third country with a low risk of COVID-19 permanent residence permit in EU+ third country national with a long-term or permanent residence permit in a third country with a low risk of COVID-19 transmission 	- travel document - long-term or permanent residence permit in a country with a low risk of COVID-19 transmission
b) holders of a valid long-term visa, long-term residence permit, temporary residence permit or permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic	 holder of a valid long-term visa issued by the Czech Republic holder of a long-term, temporary or permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic 	 long-term visa issued by the Czech Republic long-term residence permit in the Czech Republic temporary residence permit in the Czech Republic permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic
c) foreign nationals with a short-term visa issued after 11. 5. 2020		- short-term visa issued by the Czech Republic after 11. 5. 2020
d) foreign nationals with a permitted long-term or permanent stay in EU+	- foreign nationals residing in the EU+ member state	- long-term residence permit or permanent residence permit issued by EU+ member state
e) family members of Czech and EU+ citizens residing in the Czech Republic	Pursuant to § 15a para. 1 of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic: spouses; registered partners; children below the age of 21; parents of children	- the permission to enter the Czech Republic* PLUS any of following documents:



	below the age of 21; parents, grandparents or descendants dependent on sustenance or other necessary care	- copy of identification document / temporary residence permit of a person on whom the family member reunite PLUS family links proof: - birth certificate, marriage or registered partnership certificate, documents proving the dependency on sustenance or necessary care
f) if the entry is in the interest of the Czech Republic	This refers to very specific, rarely occurring individual cases.	- the permission to enter the Czech Republic* NOTE: specific conditions apply to critical infrastructure service workers whose work is in the interest of the Czech Republic.
g) international transport workers	 truck drivers (not haulers); bus drivers; aircraft crews performing aerial work; train drivers, train crews and carriage inspectors; ship captains and cargo vessel crew members; crew of vehicles of road managers; drivers of a vehicle up to 9 persons and empty journeys associated with those transportations; external driver of a vehicle up to 9 persons, but only in cases of alternation of ships' captains and vessel crew members 	- the permission to enter the Czech Republic* PLUS any of following documents: - confirmation of international transport workers (template at the Mol website) - proof of driver's professional competence - contract of contractual transport (attention, this only applies to drivers of cargo vessel crews on their way to work), or employment contract (for other drivers)
h) diplomats	 accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic including private servants; holders of diplomatic passports travelling to or from the Czech Republic for business purpose; international organisation officials registered at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic 	- the permission to enter the Czech Republic* PLUS any of following documents: - diplomatic passport - service card of an employee card of an international organisation - identification card issued by the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the accredited member of a diplomatic mission in the Czech Republic



i) urgent emergency situations In case of doubt of what is and what is not an urgent emergency situation and how to prove it, it is possible to send a query to the information e-mail of the Ministry of the Interior: cestovani.covid19@mvcr.cz. The reply may be used as one of the supporting documents (not as an official confirmation) when entering the Czech Republic.	 necessary provision of planned medical service; performing obligations imposed by a court; travel based on summons by a state authority; enforcement of a judgment or an official meeting; essential care for close family members who cannot take care of themselves; entry study exam and nostrification test (for study in line with § 64 of Residence of Foreign Nationals Act) exercising the right to care for a minor child or contact with such child; other humanitarian situations 	- the permission to enter the Czech Republic* PLUS any of following documents: - medical or hospital confirmation - summons by a court or a state authority - invitation letter to an official meeting - proof of the need for care, together with a proof of family links (from a doctor, social services, etc.) - proof of an exam - decision on the care of or contact with a minor
j) partner of a Czech citizen and partner of an EU+ citizen	 with a demonstrably lasting relationship (which is not marriage) with a Czech citizen based especially on living in the common household with a demonstrably lasting relationship (which is not marriage) with an EU+ citizen with a temporary residence over 90 days or a permanent residence in the Czech Republic, based especially on living in the common household 	Republic* PLUS: - confirmation by the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs: will be issued based on the declaration of honour of partnership, together with a proof of partnership and of sharing the
k) Integrated rescue system services	- cross-border cooperation within the intervention of the integrated rescue system services	

ANNEX 2

EXCEPTIONS FROM ENTRY BAN TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC FOR THE CITIZENS OF THIRD COUNTRIES WITH AN EXTREME RISK OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION AND THIRD COUNTRY CITIZENS, GIVEN THE FACT THEY WERE STAYING IN THESE COUNTRIES FOR MORE THAN 12 HOURS DURING THE LAST 14 DAYS



Categories of persons	Relevant documents
a) third country citizens whose entry is in the foreign	- confirmation of the interest of the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Ministry of Foreign
policy interest of the Czech Republic or in the	Affairs or by the Czech Ministry of Health
interest of the Czech Republic for the public health	
reasons	This refers to very specific, rarely occurring individual cases. In order to enter, you may
	likewise possess a diplomatic note* and thus undergo a RT-PCR test without delay after
	the entry to the Czech Republic.
b) accredited members of diplomatic missions in the	- service card of an employee card of an international organisation
Czech Republic including private servants and	- identification card issued by the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the accredited member
officials of international organisations registered	of a diplomatic mission in the Czech Republic
with the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs	

ANNEX 3

EXCEPTIONS FROM EPIDEMIOLOGICAL OBLIGATIONS IN REGARD TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC: a list of categories of persons entering the Czech Republic from countries with a medium, high and very high risk of COVID-19 transmission

Categories of persons	Definition of a category	Relevant documents	Applicability in accordance with nationality
a) International transport	truck drivers (not haulers); bus drivers;aircraft crews performing aerial work;train drivers, train crews and carriage	- confirmation of international transport workers (template at the Mol website)	The entry is permitted under the same conditions as before the pandemic COVID-19.
workers	inspectors; - ship captains and cargo vessel crew	- proof of driver's professional competence	► It is obligatory neither to fill in the Public Health Passenger Locator Form prior to the
☑ this also applies to entry from countries with an extreme risk of transmission	members; - crew of vehicles of road managers; - drivers of a vehicle up to 9 persons and empty journeys associated with those transportations; - external driver of a vehicle up to 9 persons, but only in cases of alternation of ships' captains and vessel crew members	- contract of contractual transport (attention, this only applies to drivers of cargo vessel crews on their way to work), or employment contract (for other drivers)	entry, nor to undergo an antigen or RT-PCR test prior or after the entry.



b) Diplomats travelling for business purpose: the stay in / outside of the Czech Republic not exceeding 72 hours	 accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic including private servants; holders of service passports issued by the Czech Republic; holders of diplomatic passports travelling to or from the Czech Republic for business purpose; international organisation officials registered at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 	 diplomatic passport service passport issued by the Czech Republic MEP identification card service card of an employee card of an international organisation identification card issued by the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the accredited member of a diplomatic mission in the Czech Republic PLUS any of following documents: meeting invitation travel order or other proof of travel for business purpose 	The entry is permitted under the same conditions as before the pandemic COVID-19. ▶ It is obligatory neither to fill in the Public Health Passenger Locator Form prior to the entry, nor to undergo an antigen or RT-PCR test prior or after the entry.
c) Children below the age of 6 If this also applies to entry from countries with an extreme risk of transmission	- persons younger than 6 years - minors with an intellectual disorder, an autism spectrum disorder, and a cognitive disorder or a severe alteration of a mental state, causing mental abilities or a current mental state that does not allow them to comply with this protective measure	- proof of age - written medical certificate issued in English by a doctor practicing in the Czech Republic or EU+; the confirmation must have a stamp, identification and telephone number of the doctor	The entry is permitted under the same conditions as before the pandemic COVID-19. ▶ It is obligatory neither to fill in the Public Health Passenger Locator Form prior to the entry, nor to undergo an antigen or RT-PCR test prior or after the entry. ▶ After the entry / return to the Czech Republic from a country with a medium, high or very high risk of COVID-19 transmission, there is obligation of self-isolation* for the duration of 5 days from the entry to the Czech Republic; in case of the entry / return from a country with an extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission, there is obligation of self-isolation* for 10 days from the entry.



d) Professional artists Professional athletes	- professional artists - professional athletes - members of the national representation of the Czech Republic - persons essential for cultural or sporting events	- proof of professional cultural or sport performance PLUS - confirmation of attendance of a cultural or sporting event	After the entry / return to the Czech Republic from a country with a very high risk of COVID-19 transmission there is entry ban to a kindergarten or similar institution for a period of 7 days from the entry to the Czech Republic; in case of the entry / return from a country with an extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission, there is entry ban for 10 days from the entry. The general obligations in regard to covid-19 pandemic are applicable in accordance to the country of departure, with the exception of self-isolation* until the RT-PCR test result. Entry from a red and a dark red country: to undergo at own expense a RT-PCR test in the Czech Republic after the entry to the Czech Republic – until a negative test result, it is not permitted to train, rehearse or attend an event.
e) Members of prison service and policemen	- performing escort activities or security escort of aircraft	- document confirming the escort performance	The entry is permitted under the same conditions as before the pandemic COVID-19. It is obligatory neither to fill in the Public Health Passenger Locator Form prior to the entry, nor to undergo an antigen or RT-PCR test prior or after the entry.
h) Critical infrastructure service personnel whose performance is in the interest of the	These are very specific, rare and individual cases. NOTE: other critical infrastructure service workers (without a confirmation of the interest of the Czech Republic) enter the Czech territory in emergency mode and all	- confirmation of critical infrastructure service worker issued in the interest by the Czech Republic	➤ The general obligations in regard to covid- 19 pandemic are applicable in accordance with the country of departure, with the exception of obligation to undergo a RT- PCR test in the Czech territory after the entry from a red or dark red country and with the exception of obligation to remain in self-isolation* till the RT-PCR test result



Czech Republic	obligations apply in accordance to which country they depart from.		- meaning they may immediately start servicing / repairing.
	CAUTION: the list of critical infrastructure subjects is fixed, meaning it is not possible to self-declare to be a critical infrastructure subject.		OR in case it is not possible to secure a pre-departure test, they may request the issuance of a one-time diplomatic note* by the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs – in such cases they must after the entry to the Czech territory and without delay undergo a RT-PCR test at own expense.
i) Integrated rescue system services	- cross-border cooperation within the intervention of the integrated rescue system services	,	The entry is permitted under the same conditions as before the pandemic COVID-19. It is obligatory neither to fill in the Public Health Passenger Locator Form prior to the entry, nor to undergo an antigen or RT-PCR test prior or after the entry.

* NOTES:

Passenger Form	stands for the submission in such a form, which allows the undisputable identification of the holder and the	
S .	check of filled-in data; the electronic Passenger Form is available at www.prijezdovyformular.cz	
Self-isolation	stands for free movement restriction to the bear minimum necessary:	
	a) journeys absolutely essential for obtaining basic needs, for ensuring child care;	
	b) journeys for ensuring animal care, for using necessary financial and postal services, refuelling;	
	c) urgent journeys to medical facilities;	
	d) journeys to social services facilities;	
	e) journeys for the purpose of handling of urgent official matters;	
	f) funerals;	
	for a period of time until the result of the RT-PCR test undergone in the territory of the Czech Republic	
Respirator	without exhalation valve meeting all technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including filtration	
	efficiency of at least 94 % according to relevant standards (e.g. FFP2, KN95)	
Written medical confirmation	both paper (original or plain copy) and electronic form + there must be indicated the first name, last name,	
of undergoing a RT-PCR test	date of birth or a number of a travel document of the person in question; the confirmation cannot be submitted	
or an antigen test	in the form of an SMS message	



Public transport travel	all transport service available for public of a regular and irregular character (meaning especially line service, shuttle service, occasional transport or contract transport). In the case of road passenger transport, these are
	vehicles with a capacity of more than 9 people
The permission to enter the	residence permit issued by the Czech Republic (a long-term residence permit in the Czech Republic, a long-
Czech Republic	term visa issued by the Czech Republic, a short-term visa issued by the Czech Republic after 11. 5. 2020),
	visa-free travel, residence permit in another EU+ state (a long-term or temporary residence permit in an EU+
	country), a visa issued by the Czech Republic or by another EU+ member state
Family members within the	Within the meaning of § 15a para. 1 of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreign Nationals
meaning of § 15a of Act No.	in the Czech Republic: spouses; registered partners; children below the age of 21; parents of children below
326/1999 Coll., on the	the age of 21; parents, grandparents or descendants dependent on sustenance or other necessary care
Residence of Foreign	Within the meaning of § 15a para. 2 letter b): partner with a demonstrably lasting relationship (which is not
Nationals in the Czech	marriage) based especially on living in the common household
Republic	
Diplomatic note proving the	stands for an one-time diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic proving
impossibility of the test	the impossibility to acquire a test for SARS-CoV-2 abroad.
	CAUTION: RT-PCR and antigen testing is possible in the vast majority of world countries, this exception is
	applied thus very rarely + some airlines may apply stricter conditions for boarding.