

Gradual relaxation of measures April – May 2021

The Government has started to apply a new system - [The Six Packages of measures - the way back to the normal life](#) - based on incidence per 100,000 inhabitants in the past 7 days. Assessment/predictions of incidence will be conducted on a weekly basis. The Government will always endorse on Thursday the decisions announced on Monday earlier that week - to be applied from the following Monday.

From Monday **April 12**, the state of emergency, including movement between districts (okresy) and night curfew 9 pm - 5 am, were lifted. Some [measures](#) remain in place, including the obligation to wear respirators. [From Monday, May 10](#), it will be obligatory to wear face masks indoors. Outdoors, face masks will be obligatory unless social distance of at least 2 meters cannot be kept (exceptions apply to family members or members of one household).

On [April 7](#), the obligation for hospitals to limit the care planned in advance was lifted (i.e. elective care resumed). From April 12, pre-school grade of **kindergartens** reopened. **Grades 1-5 of elementary schools** returned to schools, nation-wide from April 19, on a rotating basis (learning one week at home, one week at school; [Q&A on care-givers allowance](#)), with mandatory testing twice a week, from May 3 once a week.

[From April 26](#) kindergartens (including children groups/*dětské skupiny* and outdoor groups/*lesní školky*) reopened in regions with a weekly increase in new positive cases lower than 100 per 100,000 inhabitants (Karlovarský kraj, Královéhradecký kraj, Plzeňský kraj), without an obligation to wear respirators or a need to get tested.

From May 3, four more regions opened their kindergartens fully. **Grades 6-9 of elementary schools** in seven regions {Karlovarský, Královéhradecký, Plzeňský, Liberecký, Pardubický, Středočeský and Prague) returned to school buildings on a rotation basis (tested twice a week). In the remaining regions, kindergartens continue to be open for the final (pre-school) year children and children of parents working for the critical infrastructure. Grades 6-9 continue to learn online in these remaining regions.

Secondary school students in their final year and underperforming students have been allowed to attend consultations in groups of six from April 19, otherwise they continue with distance learning, possibly until May 17. [On April 26](#), **practical lectures** for secondary/vocational school students and **university** students in their final year of studies resumed. [From April 24](#), mass testing at universities was launched. From May 10, practical lessons for all years of university students will be allowed.

From April 12, [selected retail and service activities](#) resumed, namely units selling stationery, children's clothing and footwear, dry cleaners and laundries, farmers markets, locksmiths, home appliances repair shops or the units selling car spare parts. From May 3, pet care services and body care services (but not fitness [for example](#)) resumed, in a one-on-one format, under the condition of a negative PCR or AG test result. [From May 10](#), **all retail units and service providers establishments** (except for restaurants, hotels with [exceptions](#), casinos, wellness and other services) [should reopen](#). The Government will make its final decision on the retail sector on Thursday, May 6.

[Restaurants, pubs](#) remain closed with open take-away windows between 6 am and 10 pm. [Hotel restaurants](#) continue to serve food only to hotel guests between 6 am and 10 pm, or operate via take-away windows. Provision of accommodation services continues to be limited to listed [exceptions](#). Partial opening for **hotels and restaurant gardens** could take place once the incidence hits a figure below 75 per 100,000 inhabitants, while partial opening for **interior parts of restaurants** should be possible for the incidence below 50 per 100,000 inhabitants.

ZOOs and botanical gardens opened at 20% of their capacity. **Libraries** have been [open](#) to a limited extent under strict conditions. Congresses and cultural events to resume under set conditions. Galleries and museums are allowed to reopen under set conditions and only in the case of incidence

hitting lower figure than 100 per 100,000 inhabitants (group tours remain banned), currently in the seven listed regions.

Spas will be open only for after-Covid care and patients (including paying/private patients).

Offices of public authorities returned to regular working hours.