

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC - UPDATES AS OF 05. 02. 2021**

### **1. Under what conditions can foreign students come to the Czech Republic?**

The arrival of foreign students in the Czech Republic is governed by the Protective Measures of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic to restrict the crossing of the state border, which are always published at

<https://www.mzcr.cz/category/uredni-deska/rozhodnuti-ministerstva-zdravotnictvi/aktualni-mimoradna-a-ochranna-opatreni-ke-covid-19/>

As a protective measure, a Notification from the Ministry of Health is issued, issuing a list of countries or parts of countries with a low risk of infection with COVID -19, which can be found there as well.

In this list, countries are newly divided into 4 categories:

- a) List of countries with a low risk of infection
- b) List of countries with a medium risk of infection
- c) List of countries with a high risk of infection - most EU countries, neighbouring countries of the Czech Republic with the exception of Slovakia
- d) Countries with a very high risk of infection are not listed in this document, they are all those not listed in points a) to c), currently this includes, for example, Slovakia, Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Turkey, etc.

### **2. What are the obligations of a foreign student upon the arrival in the Czech Republic?**

If you are coming to the Czech Republic from a country that is not in the list of countries with a low risk of infection, you must fill in the so-called Arrival Form at <https://plf.uzis.cz/> before entering the Czech Republic. The obligation to fill in the Arrival Form also applies to students who come to the Czech Republic for less than 12 hours. Further exceptions are listed in the Protective Measures. You must also notify the Halls of Residence and Canteens at the address [ubytovatelky@kskm.vutbr.cz](mailto:ubytovatelky@kskm.vutbr.cz) and to the study department of the faculty (university institute where you are studying).

### **3. I come from abroad for classes or an exam, do I always have to undergo the SARS-CoV-2 test after arriving in the Czech Republic?**

You do not have to take the test only in the following cases:

- a. You are coming to the Czech Republic for less than 12 hours. However, before arriving in the Czech Republic, you must notify the study department of the faculty or university institute where you are studying that you are arriving for less than 12 hours.
- b. Regularly, at least once a week, you legitimately cross the state border with the Czech Republic to or from a neighbouring state (the so-called pendlers), i.e, you commute from a neighbouring country to attend classes. However, during distance learning at BUT and during the prohibition to travel to the Czech Republic for reasons other than necessary, the possibility of using this exception for BUT students is almost excluded, the conditions for its application in your case will be considered based on your request to the study department of the faculty where you are studying.
- c. You have already had COVID-19 and you have a written medical certificate in Czech, Slovak or English from a doctor working in the Czech Republic or another Member

State of the European Union stating that you do not have clinical signs of COVID-19, you have undergone isolation to the specified extent in accordance with the applicable Extraordinary Measures of the Ministry of Health or another Member State of the European Union due to a positive RT-PCR test result and that no more than 90 days have elapsed since the first positive RT-PCR test result.

**4. I come from abroad for classes, individual consultation or exams for a period longer than 12 hours and I cannot apply the exceptions according to points 3b and 3c. Do I have to undergo the SARS-CoV-2 test on arrival?**

Yes, if you are coming from a country that is not on the list of countries with a low risk of infection. The test is mandatory if you have stayed for more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in a country that is not on the list of countries with a low risk of infection.

**5. Do I have to have a confirmation of the result of the test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 when crossing the border with the Czech Republic?**

Yes, if you are coming from a country that is not on the list of countries with a low risk of infection, you must have a certificate from an accredited laboratory confirming a negative result for the SARS-CoV-2 test when crossing the border with the Czech Republic.

**6. What test do I have to take before crossing the state border with the Czech Republic?**

a. If you are coming from a country with a medium or high risk of infection of COVID-19, you must have a laboratory confirmation of a negative result of an antigen or RT-PCR test when crossing the border with the Czech Republic (CR).

b. If you are coming from a country with a very high risk of infection of COVID-19, only confirmation of a negative RT-PCR test result is recognized. The RT-PCR test must be performed no more than 72 hours before the start of the journey.

**7. Can I cross the border if I received a confirmation of a positive test result before leaving for the Czech Republic?**

With a positive test result, you must not cross the border with the Czech Republic unless you are returning to the country of origin (you are the citizen of the Czech Republic) or you have a permitted permanent residence. In the country of origin, you must undergo the necessary isolation in accordance with the legislation in force in that country.

**8. Who do I have to submit the test result taken before arriving in the Czech Republic to?**

You must send the test result to the email address [pendleri@khsbrno.cz](mailto:pendleri@khsbrno.cz).

At BUT:

a. If you are coming from a country with a medium risk of infection, you will upload a copy of the SARS-CoV-2 negative test result to the application in which you complete the declaration on honour before entering the BUT buildings (in case you attend classes, individual consultations or exams). You send a positive test result to the address [karantena@vutbr.cz](mailto:karantena@vutbr.cz), stating that you will undergo the isolation in your place of residence.

b. If you are accommodated in the BUT dormitories, you submit a confirmation of a negative test result for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 on arrival at the Halls of Residence.

c. If you are coming from a country with a high or very high risk of infection of COVID-19, you must pass the RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic upon the arrival.

**9. Do I have to take a test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic after arriving in the Czech Republic?**

Yes, if you are coming from a country with a high or very high risk of infection, you must pass the RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 upon arrival in the Czech Republic.

**10. If I do not have the test results available, can I attend classes or take the exam?**

No, unfortunately, you are not allowed to attend classes or take an exam or attend the individual consultation. This follows from the protective measure of the Ministry of Health. BUT is even obliged to prevent you from accessing the school. Until the test results are submitted, you have limited free movement in the Czech Republic, you can only provide for the basic life necessities or go to the office and the like, more on

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On your arrival from a country with a very high risk of infection, the restriction of free movement lasts at least 5 days, you can only go to school after these 5 days and submit a confirmation of a negative result of the RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2.

**11. Can testing be replaced by 10-day quarantine?**

No, it can't. Only the Regional Hygiene Station of the South Moravian Region with its seat in Brno can decide on the order of quarantine.

**12. I think that after arriving in the Czech Republic I do not have to undergo the SARS-Cov-19 test being a student, because there is an exception for students.**

Unfortunately, this is not the case. You are probably referring to the exception for commuters, which at present cannot be used in distance learning at BUT and in the general ban on travel to the Czech Republic, except in the most urgent cases. Strict conditions are set for its application, especially participation in full-time teaching and the regularity of crossing the state border.

**13. When I arrive in the Czech Republic, is it enough for me to present the result of an antigen test from abroad or to take this test in the Czech Republic?**

It depends on where you are coming from. Upon the arrival from a country with a medium or high risk of COVID-19, confirmation from an accredited laboratory of a negative antigen test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 is also accepted. Upon the arrival from a country with a very high risk of SARS-CoV-19 infection, only the RT-PCR test is accepted. If this changes, students will be informed.

**14. I want to come to the Czech Republic from abroad for an exam for less than 12 hours, can my parents bring me?**

Yes, you can come with the necessary accompaniment, certainly only one accompanying person is accepted. You and your companion do not have to take the test or fill in the Arrival Form.

**15. The information on the website of the Ministry of the Interior shows that there are no special conditions or the obligation to undergo the SARS-CoV-19 test for the arrival of foreign students in the Czech Republic.**

The text of the protective measure of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic, which stipulates the conditions for the arrival of persons from abroad to the Czech Republic, and nowadays also the text of the Crisis Measures of the Government of the Czech Republic about the restriction of free movement of people in the territory, is decisive.

**16. I come from abroad and I have already suffered from COVID-19. Will I have to undergo an RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-19 before the arrival or after it?**

No, if you have or will have a written medical certificate in Czech, Slovak or English from a doctor working in the Czech Republic or another Member State of the European Union stating that you do not have clinical signs of COVID-19, you have undergone the isolation according to the applicable Emergency Measures of the Ministry of Health or measures taken by another Member State of the European Union to the specified extent due to a positive RT-PCR test result and the fact that no more than 90 days have elapsed since the first positive RT-PCR test result.

You do not have to fill in the Arrival Form and for a period of 90 days from a positive RT-PCR test, the restrictions on free movement do not apply to you.

If you have not yet informed the study department of the faculty/university institute you are studying, about the COVID-19 disease, please send them a medical certificate so that they do not require a test for SARS-CoV-2 and compliance with other measures.

**17. What are the rules for arriving from abroad after receiving coronavirus vaccination?**

So far, there are no rules for arriving from abroad for people who have been vaccinated. As soon as the rules are published, students will be informed about them.

**18. Where can I find further summary information?**

In addition to information on social networks, there is a website [www.vutbr.cz/koronavirus](http://www.vutbr.cz/koronavirus), where you can find current information. Specific instructions are also collected in the BUT's internal standards, in this case always in the Rector's decision, which are [available here](#) (after logging in).

Further specific instructions are prepared by individual faculties and university institutes, which inform students about them on their social networks, websites, or directly by email.