

- a) to international transport workers, if the reason for entry is substantiated by the appropriate document,
 - b) to citizens of the European Union and foreigners with a long-term or permanent residency permit in the European Union, who are in transit via the Czech Republic for no more than 12 hours,
 - c) to diplomats and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, provided that their stay in the territory does not exceed 14 days;
 - d) to persons under 5 years of age;
3. regional public health authorities impose the necessary quarantine measures on persons who report their entry into the Czech Republic pursuant to point 1.2, and who, even within 7 days of entering the territory of the Czech Republic, have not submitted the result of an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 from the territory of the Czech Republic to the locally-competent regional public health authority, and if the test proved the presence of SARS CoV-2, to decide on isolation pursuant to Section 64(a) in conjunction with Section 2(6) and (7) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on the Protection of Public Health and on Amendment of Certain Related Acts, as amended;
4. a ban be imposed on entry into the territory of the Czech Republic for all third-country nationals who are not on the list of countries with a low risk of COVID-19 pursuant to point 111.1 and for citizens of third countries who have a temporary or permanent residence in these countries; this does not apply:
- a) to foreigners with a long-term or permanent residence permit in countries with a low risk of COVID-19 contagion according to point III.1,
 - b) to holders of a valid long-term visa, long-term, temporary or permanent residence permit for the territory of the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic,
 - c) to foreigners who were issued a short-stay visa by the Czech Republic after 11 May 2020,
 - d) to foreigners with a long-term or permanent residency permit in the European Union, who are in transit via the Czech Republic for no more than 12 hours,
 - e) to family members pursuant to Section 15a(1) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residency of Foreigners in the Czech Republic and on Amendment of Certain Acts, as amended, of citizens of the Czech Republic or citizens of the European Union with a domicile in the Czech Republic,
 - f) if the entry of these foreigners is in the interest of the Czech Republic, if the reason for entry is substantiated by the appropriate document,
 - g) to international transport workers, if the reason for entry is substantiated by the appropriate document,
 - h) diplomats and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
 - i) in urgent emergency situations (the need to provide planned health services, fulfilment of a duty imposed by a court, travel on the basis of a summons by a state authority, enforcement of a court decision, official proceedings, necessary care for close family members who are unable to take care of themselves, the exercise of the right of care or contact with a minor, other humanitarian situations) if the reason for entry is substantiated by the appropriate document;
 - j) to foreigners who have a provable relationship with a citizen of the Czech Republic or with a citizen

of the European Union with temporary residence in excess of 90 days or permanent residence in the Czech Republic and demonstrably live in a common household with them, whereas the Czech citizen in an affidavit on their partnership has accepted the obligations set forth in point 1.5, and such a foreigner was issued confirmation by the Ministry of Foreign affairs allowing entry into the Czech Republic pursuant to this point;

5. all entities that accept foreigners in the territory for the purpose of economic activity or educational activities that entered the territory of the Czech Republic after 1 July 2020 must ensure the following for these foreigners:
 - a) accommodation for the entire period of their stay in the Czech Republic, including the place where the quarantine measure will be carried out in the event of it being ordered by the public health protection authority,
 - b) healthcare or a registered healthcare service provider for the entire duration of their stay in the Czech Republic, including payment for healthcare, if not arranged otherwise,
 - c) return to their country of origin in the event of the loss of the purpose of residence in the Czech Republic;
6. all third-country nationals submit the document pursuant to Section 31(3)(b) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Territory of the Czech Republic and on Amendment of Certain Acts, as amended, which contains the obligations of the entity pursuant to point 1.5 to go with their application for a residence permit for the purpose of performing economic activity or educational activity, at the latest before the visa is marked on the travel document, at the relevant diplomatic mission of the Czech Republic;
7. applications for visas and temporary and permanent stays not be accepted at diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of COVID-19 contagion fulfilling the condition of reciprocity according to point III., with the exception of applications for:
 - a) short-stay visas for the purpose of seasonal employment or for the purpose of employment if the foreigner is employed in food production, health care or social services, or short-stay visas for the purpose of employment, if they are filed in Ukraine by Ukrainian nationals, provided they do not exceed the maximum number of such applications stipulated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs upon discussion with the Ministry of Health,
 - b) short-stay visas for scientific, key and highly qualified staff, provided that the conditions set out in the Key and Scientific Staff Programme and the Highly Qualified Staff Programme, and critical infrastructure service staff are met,
 - c) short-stay visas due to a reason according to point I.4 e) to i),
 - d) long-term visas for the purpose of seasonal employment,
 - e) extraordinary work visas,
 - f) temporary residence, if they are submitted by foreigners included in government programmes in order to achieve an economic or other significant benefit for the Czech Republic,
 - g) permanent residence, if they are submitted by foreigners included in the government programme according to Government Resolution No. 1014/2014,
 - h) a blue card, long-term residence permit for the purpose of scientific research and applications for residence permits for over 90 days for the spouses and minor children of scientific workers or persons applying for a blue card,

- i) long-term visas and long-term residency permits for the purpose of study,
- j) long-term or permanent residence permits for the purpose of joint family cohabitation in the country and applications for long-term visas for family purposes, in the case of spouses or minor children of a foreigner with a long-term or permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic,
- k) issuing of long-term visas for the purpose of picking up a residence permit in the Czech Republic;
- l) long-term visas for the purpose of other educational activity, cultural, sports and working holiday,
- m) a residency permit, if the entry of these foreigners is in the interest of the Czech Republic, if the interest of the Czech Republic is substantiated by the appropriate document,

these exceptions apply only to visa and temporary residence applications at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in countries whose measures implemented in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic allow the acceptance of such applications; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will publish a list of these countries via means enabling remote access;

8. all procedures regarding residence permit applications for over 90 days filed at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic be interrupted, except for procedures about applications submitted at the diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in countries whose measures implemented in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic allow the performance of steps within the procedure; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will publish a list of these countries via means enabling remote access;
9. the visa will not be marked in the travel document for foreigners according to point I.7 l);
10. all persons referred to in point I.2., including persons referred to in point I.2. a) to c), are obliged to wear respiratory protective equipment for the period referred to in point II. , or for a period of 10 days, in particular in the case of persons referred to in point I.2. a), if the period referred to in point II cannot be used;
11. the employers and end users of workers, who are citizens of countries which are not on the list with a low risk of COVID-19 incidence or are citizens of the identified countries pursuant to point III.1 who have spent more than 12 hours in the past 14 days in the territory of these countries, restrict the access of these persons to all facilities and workplaces of the given employer, if these persons do not simultaneously submit to the employer or end user for which they perform work the negative result of a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 from the Czech Republic; the same obligations applies to educational institutions with respect to students and teachers;
12. foreigners detained pursuant to Section 27 of Act No. 273/2008 Coll., on the Police of the Czech Republic, or pursuant to Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Territory of the Czech Republic and on Amendment of Certain Acts, as amended, undergo the collection of a biological sample in order to detect the presence of the COVID-19 disease and to provide the healthcare staff with the necessary cooperation when taking this sample at the testing location of the healthcare services provider or foreigner detention facility;
13. international coach operators who depart from a third country or part thereof which is not on the list of countries or part thereof with a low risk of COVID-19 contagion pursuant to point III. 1, not allow passengers who are obliged to fill in the electronic Arrival form pursuant to point I.2 to travel unless they present a document proving completion of the electronic Arrival form (declaration);

II. It is prohibited

for all persons pursuant to point I.2, to move freely throughout the territory of the entire Czech Republic for

the period of their stay in the territory of the Czech Republic, or for a period of 10 days, or until the end of the quarantine measure, except for:

- a) travel to work and movement in the course of work and travel to perform business or another similar activities, including travel to educational establishments and movement in the course of the performance of that activity; this does not apply if this concerns the procedure pursuant to point 1.11,
- b) travel required to arrange essential life needs, to ensure child care, to ensure pet care, to use the necessary financial and postal services, and to refuel.,
- c) travel to healthcare facilities and social services facilities,
- d) travel to take care of urgent official matters,
- e) travelling back to one's place of residence,
- f) funerals;

This prohibition does not apply to persons under 5 years of age.

For foreigners pursuant to point 1.11, the specified restriction on free movement applies for a period of 10 days.

III. It is stipulated

1. that the list of countries or parts thereof with a low risk of COVID-19 contagion, including identification of the countries for the purposes of point 1.11, is determined by a notice published on the website of the Ministry of Health;
2. that a citizen of a third country is a foreigner, except for a citizen of the European Union and a foreigner within the meaning of Section 1 (3) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Territory of the Czech Republic and on Amendment of Certain Acts, as amended;
3. that in the case of change to the entity for whom the foreigner performs economic activity or educational activity, made pursuant to the legal regulations of the Czech Republic, the last entity bears the obligations under point I.5;
4. that the electronic Arrival form is available on the website www.priiezdovyformular.cz; personal details processed beyond the framework of Section 79 (1) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll. are the passport number, nationality, e-mail address and telephone number;
5. that citizens of the European Union, including citizens of the Czech Republic and citizens of third countries with a long-term or permanent residence permit in any of the member states of the European Union, may meet the obligation to undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 at their own expense in accordance with point 1.2 by presenting a negative result of an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 which was performed in a member state of the European Union and which is no more than 72 hours old; the result of the test is presented immediately upon entering the territory of the Czech Republic to the regional public health authority with local jurisdiction in relation to point 1.3.;
6. that for the purpose of this extraordinary measure, apart from the member countries of the European Union, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Swiss Confederation, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Principality of Andorra, the Principality of Monaco, the Republic of San Marino and the Vatican City State shall also be understood to be member states of the European Union.

II.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 21 September 2020, the protective measure of the Ministry of Health Ref. No. MZDR 20599/2020-25/MIN/KAN, of 24 August 2020 is repealed.

III.

This protective measure comes into effect on the date of its issue.



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