

### Coronavirus Q & A

#### Prague & Czech Republic (CZ) Current Situation



#### How many confirmed cases are there in Prague / CZ now?

So far, there have been more than 4,155,000 confirmed cases of coronavirus at the Czech Republic area (of which currently more than 47,500 positively tested) and more than 18,350,000 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.



## What are the security measures in place to prevent the spread of the virus in Prague?

- O With effect from 9 April, the Ministry of Health <u>repealed the protective</u> <u>measures</u> that set the conditions for entry into the Czech Republic. It is now possible to come to the Czech Republic without any restrictions, regardless of the country from which the person is traveling.
- o From May 31, 2021 on, the educational events (incl. congresses and conferences) are allowed. From March 1, 2022 on, there are no limits for number of people who are allowed to attend the events applied. From February 9, 2022, the accommodation establishments and restaurants are allowed to open.
- Face masks or similarly effective respiratory protection are not currently required (except for some medical facilities and other facilities that may still recommend or require to wear them).

#### **Prague Airport Measures**

Air carriers gradually re-open the air traffic from/to Prague. 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. Recently, Prague Airport defended <u>ACI Airport Health Accreditation</u>, 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. Passengers and visitors can now be <u>tested</u> 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 <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. Effective Monday, March 14, it will no longer be mandatory to wear a respirator in the interior of Václav Havel Airport Prague. However, Prague Airport still <a href="recommends">recommends</a> to wear respirators, to keep a safe distance and wash hands often. Passengers should also carefully check the conditions of boarding. Some carriers still require respirators.

#### **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.

From March 21, 2022, the frequency of the public transportation line Nr. 119 connecting the city centre and the Prague Airport has been significantly increased. Buses leave the stations every 3 minutes. You can also use other bus lines connecting the city with the Airport (Nr. 100 and 191) or take Airport Express bus (paid separately, the public transportation ticket is not valid in this route) connecting Prague Main Railway Station with the airport. Please note, that the operation of some other lines still can be limited, thus we recommend you to always check the latest information on the websites of your transportation company.

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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 <a href="here">here</a>.

We also strongly recommend to read and follow the latest <u>Key planning</u> 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.



#### Are the venues prepared to take the necessary measures?

Yes, for example the Prague Congress Centre 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. More information 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, and event hybridization possible. 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, disinfection stations are available for all visitors. The special offer, which includes spacious hall to guarantee social distance and other benefits of the O2 universum, is available <a href="here">here</a>.



#### 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).