Ανακοίνωση του σλοβακικού Υπουργείου Εξωτερικών και Ευρωπαϊκών Υποθέσεων σχετικά με τις συνθήκες εισόδου και μετακίνησης στην Τσεχία (18.5.2020)

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Czech Republic - conditions of entry and travel

18.5.2020 | Travel notifications and alerts Coronavirus 2019-nCoV

May 17, 2020 at 24:00 the state of emergency in the territory of the Czech Republic was terminated, which was declared from 12 March 2020 (2.00 pm). The emergency measures announced in connection with the COVID-19 epidemic continue to apply.

Conditions of entry into the Czech Republic

With effect from 18 May 2020 from 00:00 the ban on entering the territory of the Czech Republic for all foreigners who did not have a temporary stay of more than 90 days or permanent residence in the territory of the Czech Republic as of 12 March 2020 continues to apply; this does not apply to:

- **family members** of Czech citizens or EU citizens with temporary or permanent residence in the Czech Republic,

- **for EU citizens and foreigners with a residence permit in the EU** , who transit through the Czech Republic for the purpose of travel home and have a note issued by the Embassy for this purpose (passage and repatriation),

- **if the entry of these foreigners is in the interest of the Czech Republic**,

- **for cross-border workers** , pupils and students who, for the purpose of performing work or studying in the Czech Republic, regularly and legally cross the state border with the Czech Republic from a neighbouring state,

- **for international transport workers,**

- **for critical** infrastructure **service personnel**,

- **for diplomats and officials of** international organizations,

- **in urgent and emergency situations,**

- for EU citizens who enter the territory of the Czech Republic **demonstrably for the purpose of performing economic activity, for a maximum period of 72 hours** , and submit a certificate of completion of the RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 with a negative result,

- for EU citizens who enter the territory of the Czech Republic **for the purpose of performing economic activities or studying at a university** and submit a certificate of completion of the RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 with a negative result, not older than 4 days,

- **seasonal workers** who submit a certificate of completion of the RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 with a negative result, not older than 4 days

- **key workers who** have been issued a visa since 11 May 2020 and their accompanying family members and who have been issued a visa since 11 May 2020 who submit a certificate of completion of the RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 with a negative result , not older than 4 days

- **health and social care workers** who have been issued a visa since 11 May 2020 and their accompanying family members and who have been issued a visa since 11 May 2020 who submit a certificate of completion of the RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV- 2 with a negative result, not older than 4 days

- **holders of a long-stay visa for the purpose of taking over a residence permit** who present a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 with a negative result, not older than 4 days

- **for spouses and minor children of foreigners with a long-term or permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic** who have been issued a long-term visa and submit a certificate of completion of the RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 with a negative result, not older than 4 days

provided that the reason for entry is substantiated by a corresponding document.

Conditions for entry into the territory of the Czech Republic and quarantine measures are regulated from 18.5.2020 by the Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic no. MZDR 20599 / 2020-1 / MIN / KAN of 15 May 2020.

By approving this measure, there are no significant changes in terms of the conditions of entry into the Czech Republic. The circle of foreigners from countries outside the EU who can be issued a residence permit is expanding. It still applies that persons entering the territory of the Czech Republic, except for certain exceptions, are obliged to either submit a certificate of completion of the TR-PCR test or report their entry to the regional hygienic station, which will decide on the necessary quarantine measures. However, quarantine will not be ordered if the given person submits a confirmation of passing the test to the regional hygienic station within 72 hours of entering the Czech Republic.

More information is published on the website of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic .

In accordance with the valid conditions for entry and transit of citizens of EU member states to and through the territory of the Czech Republic, a citizen of the Slovak Republic must continue to prove the note of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Prague by issuing a note will be requested by the locally competent embassy of the Slovak Republic in the country of his temporary residence.

Transit of Slovak citizens through the territory of the Czech Republic is possible only for the purpose of a one-time evacuation to the home state , it is not possible for travel for other purposes (e.g. in no case "NO" from the Slovak Republic via the Czech Republic to Germany, Norway, etc.).
A citizen of the Slovak Republic may not use domestic bus or train transport or a shared taxi service of the Czech Republic for transfer from V. Havel Airport in Prague or a bus station in Prague to Slovakia upon arrival in Prague or when crossing the land borders of the Czech Republic by a commercial bus connection to Prague.

Transfer from Prague to Slovakia by "*shuttle buses*" organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic will be provided only to those citizens of the Slovak Republic who request a note from the locally competent embassy of the Slovak Republic abroad, 72 hours before the planned arrival or arrival in Prague.

During an emergency, it is forbidden to move and stay in all places outside the residence without respiratory protective equipment (nose, mouth) such as respirator, drape, scarf, shawl or other.

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