



Dear colleagues and students,

the following conditions are currently set for the operation of higher education institutions (as of 1 September 2021) based on extraordinary measures of the Ministry of Health.

Respiratory tract protection

All persons must use a respirator or similar protective equipment (e.g. FFP2 or KN 95) in indoor premises of USB. The following persons are exempt from this requirement:

- academic staff during instruction,
- students if seated during education or if the nature of the educational activity concerned does not allow for the use of protective equipment (sports, singing, etc.),
- persons participating in exams if they maintain a distance of at least 1.5m.

The use of protective equipment during practical training follows the rules applicable to the employees in the given place of work.

Studies in degree programmes

- No restrictions on the organisation of instruction have been announced, and even providing evidence of absence of infection for the purpose of attending educational activities in the context of higher education studies is not necessary. In spite of that, we would like to ask you to respect the principle that students or educators should take part in educational activities only as long as they are not displaying symptoms of the Covid-19 disease. We recommend maintaining sensible preventive measures (social distancing, using disinfectants, limiting large gatherings of people, etc.).
- Enrolments are not regulated by measures of the Ministry. We recommend that the abovementioned preventive measures are taken into account when organising enrolments.

Admission exams, graduations, lifelong learning programmes, educational events, and examinations for the public

- Events attended by 20 persons at the most in one place are regulated only by the abovementioned measures concerning respiratory tract protection,
- In the event of more than 20 persons attending, the following restrictions apply.
 - Only persons with no clinical symptoms of the Covid-19 disease are permitted to attend.
 - All persons in attendance, except for children of less than 6 years of age, shall provide evidence of absence of infection (see below). The organiser of the event is required to check compliance with the conditions upon entry and the attendees are required to prove their compliance; should the person in question not prove compliance with the conditions displayed below, the organiser is required not to allow such person entry to the event.
 - All persons in attendance – except for children who have not yet begun their compulsory school attendance and other exemptions outlined above or in the corresponding measure of the Ministry – shall use respiratory tract protective equipment (nose, mouth), which are the respirator or other equipment pursuant to corresponding standards (FFP2, KN 95) throughout the whole duration of the event.
 - The distance of the audience from the stage or another place designated for performers must be at least 2m.



Returning from travels abroad and instructions for arrivals of international students

If you have returned from a stay in a country with low, medium, high, very high, and extreme risk of the Covid-19 disease in the past 7 to 10 days and the stay was longer than 24 hours (if you made a journey only to a neighbouring country), or 12 hours (in the case of journeys to other countries), the protective measure of the Ministry on the restriction of crossing the state border of the Czech Republic applies to you. Given that the conditions differ according to the level of risk of the country you are arriving from (see <https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/en/list-of-countries-according-to-the-level-of-risk/>), please acquaint yourself with relevant rules at <https://covid.gov.cz/en/measures/travelling-abroad/arriving-countries-high-risk-covid-19-transmission>

Current information for international students is available at the following sites:

- [students enrolled at USB](#),
- [students on short-term study stays \(Erasmus, etc.\)](#).

Administrators of faculties or the International Relations Office of the USB Rectorate, i.e. employees organising their arrival at USB, will also provide students with current information.

Accommodation at dormitories

Accommodating students at USB dormitories is possible only if the accommodated students provide evidence of absence of infection (see below). Students are required to provide evidence of absence of infection before the start of their accommodation, only once if they provide proof of vaccination or that they suffered the Covid-19 disease. If they undergo an antigen test or an RT-PCR test, the evidence must be provided every 7 days. Dormitories are required to check compliance with this condition.

Compliance with the requirement of providing evidence of absence of infection can be demonstrated by

- providing proof of Covid-19 vaccination if at least 14 days have passed since the completion of the vaccination scheme (applies only to vaccination substances registered under EC No 726/2004);
- providing proof of having suffered the Covid-19 disease that was confirmed in a laboratory, and the period of isolation pursuant to the current extraordinary measure of the Ministry has passed, and no more than 180 days have passed since the first positive antigen test or the RT-PCR test to detect the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus;
- providing a confirmation of a negative result of the RT-PCR test to detect the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that was performed no earlier than 7 days ago;
- providing a confirmation of a negative result of an antigen test to detect the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that was performed no earlier than 72 hours ago;
- providing a confirmation from a provider of healthcare services that the person in question underwent an antigen test under the supervision of a healthcare professional via an online service no earlier than 24 hours ago;
- providing a confirmation from an employer, school, or a school facility, or an affidavit that the person in question underwent a test to detect the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is designated for self-testing or permitted for use by a non-professional by the Ministry, the result of which was negative and which was provided by the employer, school, or school facility in the context of compulsory testing no earlier than 72 hours ago.

Should the person in question not be able to provide evidence of absence of infection and conditions allow it, it is possible to provide evidence of absence of infection by undergoing a preventive on-the-spot antigen test to detect the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is designated for self-testing or permitted by the Ministry for use by a non-professional, the result of which is negative.



Antigen testing at the USB Faculty of Science

In addition to other healthcare facilities, antigen testing is also available at the Sampling point of the Clinical Diagnostics Laboratory of the Faculty of Science (capacity of 50 tests per day). Please note the relocation of the sampling point to the Building C of the faculty. Please register for testing at <https://www.prf.jcu.cz/covid/covid-19-antigen/index.php> Those with public health insurance in the Czech Republic can receive one test per week, the cost of which is covered by the health insurance; the amount of CZK 201 per test will be billed to the person tested in all other cases. If there is no available spot for testing on a given day, please contact odberykov2@prf.jcu.cz.

All abovementioned conditions remain in effect until further notice. Should the circumstances change, along with the binding regulations that the USB must follow, we shall inform you again.

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