



RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

of May 4th 2020 No. 511

on the adoption of a crisis measure

Following Government Resolution No. 194 of March 12th 2020, by which the Government, in accordance with Articles 5 and 6 of Constitutional Act No 110/1998 Coll., On the Security of the Czech Republic, declared for the territory of the Czech Republic, in connection with proving the occurrence of coronavirus / referred to as SARS CoV-2/ in the Czech Republic, the state of emergency, and a) to e) and § 6 of Act No. 240/2000 Coll., on Crisis Management and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Crisis Act), as amended, to resolve a crisis situation, decided to adopt crisis measures, in accordance with the provisions of § 5 let. c) and § 6 par. 1 let. b) of the Crisis Act.

The Government

I. orders with effect from May 11th 2020 from 00:00 hours for the duration of the state of emergency

1. the prohibition of entry to the territory of the Czech Republic for all foreign nationals who did not have as of March 12th 2020 temporary residence over 90 days or permanent residence on the territory of the Czech Republic; this does not apply to:
 - a) family members pursuant to § 15a para. 1 of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic, and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended, of citizens of the Czech Republic or of citizens of the European Union with residence on the territory of the Czech Republic,
 - b) citizens of the European Union and foreign nationals with permitted residence in the European Union who transit through the Czech Republic on their way home and have for this purpose a note issued by the embassy (transit and repatriation),
 - c) if the entry of these foreign nationals is in the interest of the Czech Republic,
 - d) cross-border workers, pupils and students who for the purpose of work performance or education in the Czech Republic regularly justifiably cross the state border with the Czech Republic from a neighbouring state and submit a medical testing results certificate under conditions in point 9,
 - e) workers of international transport,
 - f) workers of critical infrastructure service,
 - g) diplomats and officials of international organisations,
 - h) urgent emergency situations,
 - i) citizens of the European Union who enter the territory of the Czech Republic demonstrably for the purpose of economic activity performance, for a period of maximum 72 hours, and submit a medical testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./1.,

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- j) citizens of the European Union, who enter the territory of the Czech Republic for the purpose of economic activity performance or study at university, and submit a medical testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./1.,
- k) seasonal employees, who submit a testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./2.,
- l) key workers, for whom a visa was issued after May 11th 2020, and their family members who accompany them and for whom a visa was issued after May 11th 2020, and submit a testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./2.,
- m) workers in healthcare and social services, for whom a visa was issued after May 11th 2020, and their family members who accompany them and for whom a visa was issued after May 11th 2020, and submit a testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./2.,
- n) holders of a long-term visa in order to receive the residence authorisation, who submit a testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./2.,

if the reason for entry is proved by a corresponding document;

- 2. all persons in accordance with the point 1 letter a) to h) who enter the territory of the Czech Republic to immediately after the entry to the territory of the Czech Republic announce this fact, be it by telephone or by other remote access, to a regional hygienic station according to the place of residence or a declared stay; this does not apply to persons who are listed in point 1
 - a) letter a) if they submit a medical testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./1.; family members for whom a long-term visa was issued shall submit a certificate in accordance with the point III.2.,
 - b) letter b) and h) if the period of their stay on the territory of the Czech Republic does not exceed 24 hours or if they submit a medical testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./1.,
 - c) letter c), e), f) and g) if the period of their stay on the territory of the Czech Republic does not exceed 14 days or if they submit a medical testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./1.,
 - d) letter d) if they submit a medical testing results certificate, which fulfils the conditions listed in point 9; workers in healthcare and social services, basic integrated rescue system bodies, or workers of critical infrastructure entity do not have to submit such certificate if the period of their stay on the territory of the Czech Republic does not exceed 14 days; furthermore, farmers working in the immediate borderland, whose stay on the territory of the Czech Republic does not exceed 24 hours, do not have to submit such certificate,
- 3. all citizens of the Czech Republic and foreign nationals with temporary residence over 90 days or permanent residence on the territory of the Czech Republic who do not submit at the entry to the territory of the Czech Republic a medical testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./1., to immediately after the entry to the territory of the Czech Republic announce this fact, be it by telephone or by other remote access, to a regional hygienic station according to the place of residence or a declared stay; this does not apply to persons who prove by a corresponding document that
 - a) for the purpose of work performance or education in a neighbouring state regularly they cross the state border, if they submit a medical testing results certificate, which fulfils the

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conditions listed in point 9; workers in healthcare and social services, basic integrated rescue system bodies, or workers of critical infrastructure entity do not have to submit such certificate if they submit a note of the destination country embassy confirming that they are workers in healthcare and social services, basic integrated rescue system bodies, or a critical infrastructure entity and that there have been measures taken at work to prevent the SARS-CoV-2 spread, especially the obligation to wear respiratory system protection, if the period of travel did not exceed 14 days,

- b) they travelled in urgent emergency situation, if the period of travel did not exceed 24 hours,
 - c) they travelled as workers of international transport, as workers of critical infrastructure service, diplomats or officials of international organisations, if the period of travel did not exceed 14 days; critical infrastructure service abroad must be in these cases accompanied by a note of the destination country embassy,
 - d) they work as farmers in the immediate borderland, if the period of travel did not exceed 24 hours,
 - e) they travelled for the purpose of economic activity performance, if the period of travel did not exceed 72 hours and if they are not a cross-border worker according to letter a);
4. regional hygienic stations to decide for those persons, who announce the entry to the territory of the Czech Republic in accordance with the point 2 and 3, and who even within 72 hours since the entry to the territory of the Czech Republic do not submit a testing results certificate in accordance with point 2 and 3 to the respective regional hygienic station, a necessary quarantine measure, and if the test proves the presence of SARS CoV-2, to decide upon isolation in accordance with § 64 letter a) in conjunction with §2 para. 6 and 7 of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on the Protection of Public Health, and on the amendment of certain related acts, as amended;
5. all persons who announce their entry to the territory of the Czech Republic in accordance with point 2 and 3, to immediately undergo a RT-PCR test on the presence of SARS CoV-2 and submit to a locally competent regional hygienic station a medical testing results certificate in accordance with point III./1 at the latest within 72 hours from the entry to the territory of the Czech Republic, be it unless the public health authority in individual cases of persons belonging to a category of an interest of the Czech Republic, critical infrastructure service, diplomats and officials of international organisation, or an urgent emergency situation, has decided different quarantine measures consistence with Act No. 258/2000 Sb., and the length of such measures; in those cases where a person does not submit a testing result certificate in accordance with point III./1., the regional hygienic station follows the point 4;
6. all persons who enter the territory of the Czech Republic from May 11th 2020 00:00 hours
- a) in case of any symptoms of an incipient infectious disease (particularly higher fever, cough, dyspnoea, indigestion, loss of smell, general weakness, or other symptoms) to announce without delay this fact, be it by telephone or by other remote access, to their registered healthcare service provider in the field of general practice medicine or practice medicine for children and adolescents, or, in cases they do not have a registered provider, to any provider in the field of general practice medicine or practice medicine for children and adolescents,
 - b) to endure at the crossing of the state border the checking of the symptoms of an infectious disease, and if the symptoms of an infectious disease are found, to provide the necessary cooperation to the healthcare personnel with taking a biological sample for the presence of COVID-19;

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7. all entities, which confirm the exception in accordance with the point I.1. letter i), to ensure that all persons, who enter the territory of the Czech Republic for the purpose of economic activity on the territory of the Czech Republic, comply with rules for critical employees in accordance with the point IV. of the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic of March 30th 2020 No. 332, on the adoption of a crisis measure, declared under No. 140/2020 Coll.;
8. all entities, which receive foreign nationals in accordance with the exception listed in the point I./1. letter f), to ensure that all workers, who enter the territory of the Czech Republic for the purpose of service, comply with the rules for critical employees in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic of March 30th 2020 No. 332, on the adoption of a crisis measure, declared under No. 140/2020 Coll.;
9. cross-border workers, pupils and students, who submit at the border check a testing results certificate, to submit at the first crossing of the state border to the Czech Republic if they are persons in accordance with the point I./3. letter a), or if it is such crossing of the state border to the Czech Republic, which happens after 72 hours from the first crossing if they are persons in accordance with point I./1. letter d), a medical testing results certificate in accordance with the point III.1., and then at every next crossing of the state border to the Czech Republic, which occurs after 30 days from the submission of the testing results certificate in accordance with the point III./1., to submit a medical testing results certificate, which is not older than 4 days confirming that a test was done in accordance with the point III./1.;
10. all entities, which receive foreign nationals for the purpose of economic activity in accordance with the exception listed in the point I./1. letter j) to n), to ensure to these foreign nationals
 - a) accommodation throughout the period of their stay on the territory of the Czech Republic,
 - b) medical care or a registered provider of medical service throughout the period of their stay on the territory of the Czech Republic, including the medical care expenses, unless ensured otherwise,
 - c) their transport from the state border to a place of accommodation and for the period of 14 days from the entry to the territory of the Czech Republic transport between a place of accommodation and a work place, whereas it is not possible to use a public transport by a foreign national for the journey to the work place and from the work place,
 - d) return to the home country in case of job loss on the territory of the Czech Republic;
11. all persons in accordance with the point I./1. letter j) to n), whose entry is considered as necessary, may be exceptionally allowed to enter the territory of the Czech Republic also without the submission of a testing results certificate in accordance with the point; the necessity is confirmed by a minister responsible for the given area; these persons have the obligation to undergo a RT-PCR test on the presence of SARS CoV-2 within 72 hours from the entry to the territory of the Czech Republic and to submit the medical testing in accordance with the point III./1. results certificate to a locally competent regional hygienic station;
12. suspension of receiving application for visa and temporary and permanent residence at the embassies of the Czech Republic with the exception of:
 - a) applications for long-term visa, if they are for the purpose listed in the point I. letter a), c), e), f), g), h), k) and m),
 - b) long-term visa for the purpose of seasonal employment,

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- c) special work visa
- d) applications for temporary residence, if they are submitted by foreign nationals included in the Key and Research Staff Programme of the Government,
- e) applications for temporary residence submitted by foreign nationals included in the Highly Qualified Worker or Qualified Worker Programme of the Government, if they will perform medical profession or work in social services;

these exceptions do not apply to applications for visa and temporary residence at those embassies of the Czech Republic in countries, which measures implemented due to COVID-19 pandemic do not allow receiving such applications; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall publish a list of these countries in a way that allows remote access;

13. interruption of all procedures of applications regarding the residence permit over 90 days submitted at embassies of the Czech Republic with the exception of applications

- a) listed in the point 12,
- b) for long-term and permanent residence permit for the purpose of family cohabitation on the territory,
- c) for temporary residence if they are submitted by foreign nationals included in programmes implemented for the purpose of economic gain for the Czech Republic approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic of August 26th 2019 No. 581;

these exceptions do not apply to applications for visa and temporary residence at those embassies of the Czech Republic in countries, which measures implemented due to COVID-19 pandemic do not allow receiving such applications; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall publish a list of these countries in a way that allows remote access;

II. prohibits with effect from May 11th 2020 from 00:00 hours for the duration of the state of emergency to all persons, who enter the territory of the Czech Republic and to whom a quarantine was not ordered in accordance with the point I./4., and to persons listed in the point I./1. letter i) to n) a free movement on the territory of the Czech Republic during the time of stay on the territory of the Czech Republic, or during the period of maximum 14 days from the day of entry to the territory of the Czech Republic, with the exception of:

- a) journeys to work and movement within the employment performance and journeys for the business performance or other comparable activity and movement within the performance of such activity,
- b) journeys absolutely necessary for obtaining basic life necessities, for ensuring child care, for ensuring animal care, for using necessary financial and post services, refuelling,
- c) journeys to medical facilities and social services facilities,
- d) journeys for the purpose of handling of urgent official matters,
- e) journeys back to place of their residence,
- f) funerals;

III. determines

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1. that by a medical testing results certificate is meant a certificate issued by a physician or a public health protection authority confirming that a RT-PCR test on SARS CoV-2 presence was done with a negative result and is not older than 4 days; the test is done on own expense of the person;
2. that by a testing results certificate is meant a medical testing results certificate in accordance with the point 1. together with a certificate issued by a relevant laboratory confirming that a RT-PCR test on SARS CoV-2 presence was done with a negative result and is not older than 4 days; the test is done on own expense of the person; the certificate must include data on which basis it is without a doubt possible to determine and verify data about the type of the test, the age of the test, data about the laboratory, which made the test, and the fact that the certificate was issued by that laboratory;
3. that by an urgent emergency situation according to the point I./1. letter h) is meant
 - a) cross-border crossing of members of the integrated rescue system, including the mountain rescue service and other integrated rescue system bodies,
 - b) transfer of blood, bone marrow and other biological material by sampling teams, transport and transit of ambulances or vehicles of a funeral service,
 - c) the need of provision of medical services,
 - d) fulfilling of obligations imposed by a court, journey on the basis of a summons by a state authority, enforcement of judgement, or other official meeting or use of necessary financial and post services,
 - e) picking up or transporting of family members from abroad or abroad, including cars at the airports,
 - f) necessary care for close family members, who cannot take care of themselves, exercising of law, care for a minor child or contact with a minor child and ensuring of necessary care for animals,
 - g) attending of funerals or weddings,
 - h) other humanitarian situations;
3. the interruption of period for expiration of the validity of employment card or related residence permit, the interruption is valid for the duration of the state of emergency; a new period begins to run with the interruption;

IV. imposes

1. on the minister of health ensuring of compliance of the point I./4.;
2. on the minister of foreign affairs publishing of a list of countries in accordance with the point I./12. and I./13.,
3. on the 1st deputy prime minister and minister of the interior and minister of foreign affairs implementing measures in accordance with the point I./12. and I./13.;

V. annuls with effect from May 11th 2020

- a) the point I./2. and 4. of the Government Resolution of March 12th 2020 No. 198, on the adoption of a crisis measure, declared under No. 71/2020 Coll.,

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- b) the Government Resolution of May 1st 2020 No. 495, on the adoption of a crisis measure, declared under No. 222/2020 Coll.

Will be performed by:

1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior,
Minister of Health, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ing. Andrej Babiš
Prime Minister