When to go to work and when to get tested after the return from abroad?

New rules valid from the 5th of February 2021

This applies to the Czech citizens, EU citizens and third country nationals!!!

These rules are guided by the country you travel from; the list of countries is published by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic: https://www.mzcr.cz/category/uredni-deska/rozhodnuti-ministerstva-zdravotnictvi/aktualni-mimoradna-a-ochranna-opatreni-ke-covid-19/

If you travel to the Czech Republic from a country with a low risk of transmission, no special entry obligations apply to you.

If you travel to the Czech Republic from a country with a medium risk of transmission, you must fill in the Passenger Locator Form and, prior to your departure, you must undergo either an antigen test (24 hours or less) or a RT-PCR test (72 hours or less) at an accredited laboratory. You do not undergo a test in the Czech Republic.

If you travel to the Czech Republic from a country with a high risk of transmission, you must fill in the Passenger Locator Form and, prior to your departure, you must undergo either an antigen test (24 hours or less) or a RT-PCR test (72 hours or less) at an accredited laboratory. After the arrival, you must undergo within 5 days a RT-PCR test in the Czech Republic. Until then, you must be in self-isolation (meaning your free movement is limited and you cannot go to work).

If you travel to the Czech Republic from a country with a very high risk of transmission, you must fill in the Passenger Locator Form and, prior to your departure, you must undergo a RT-PCR test (72 hours or less) at an accredited laboratory. After the arrival, you must undergo at the earliest on the 5th day a RT-PCR test in the Czech Republic. Until then, you must be in self-isolation (meaning your free movement is limited and you cannot go to work).

You can enter your workplace only if you submit to your employer:
- a written confirmation by an accredited laboratory of a test result done prior to arrival – this concerns arrivals from a country with a medium risk of transmission
- a negative RT-PCR test result done in the Czech Republic – this concerns arrivals from a country with a high risk of transmission
- a negative RT-PCR test result done in the Czech Republic at the earliest on the 5th day from the entry to the Czech territory – this concerns arrivals from a country with a high risk of transmission

Voluntary isolation or quarantine do not replace these obligations.

Attention: the abovementioned applies likewise to pupils and students returning to schools.

You are obliged to notify your employer of your travel prior to your journey to countries with a medium, high or very high risk of transmission.

It is recommended to employers to adopt internal rules in order to ensure the compliance of these obligations.
After the arrival from countries with a medium, high or very high risk of transmission, there is obligation to wear a respirator (not a surgical facemask, scarfs, shawls or handmade facemasks!) for the duration of 14 days from the entry to the Czech territory.