



Dear colleagues and students,

the following conditions are currently set for the operation of higher education institutions with effect from 10 February 2022 on the basis of the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic and extraordinary measures of the Ministry of Health (hereinafter as the 'Ministry'). **Changes in the requirements that were made public previously (see the USB website) include the suspension of the requirement to provide evidence of absence of infection.** Other changes are underlined in the text.

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 vaccinated against the Covid-19 disease while at least 14 days have passed since the completion of the vaccination scheme and no more than 270 have passed since the completion of vaccination at the same time or the academic staff who have received a booster shot are exempt from the requirement during instruction,¹
- students if seated during instruction and as long as there are no more than 50 students in attendance at the same time,
- students during an educational activity if the nature of the educational activity concerned does not allow for the use of protective equipment (sports, singing, etc.),
- persons participating in exams as long as 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 at this time. Even providing evidence of absence of infection for the purposes of participation in 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.).

Lifelong learning programmes, educational events and examinations for the public

- Attendance is permitted only to persons exhibiting no clinical symptoms of Covid-19.
- Attendees must remain seated with the exception of practical instruction and examinations, the nature of which does not allow it.
- 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.

¹ In exceptional cases when it is necessary that students see the mouth of the educator, it is possible for the unvaccinated educator, who is required to use a respirator during instruction, to use the protective shield as a respiratory tract protection equipment under the condition that he or she maintains the distance of at least 1.5m from students.



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>

or at

https://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/information_for aliens/news/before_you_travel_step_by_step_guide_on.html

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

<https://www.jcu.cz/en/study-at-usb/about-studies> > Practical information > Instructions for arrival to the Czech Republic during Covid-19 pandemic

Officers 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.

Antigen and PCR testing at the USB Faculty of Science

In addition to other healthcare facilities, antigen and PCR testing are also available at the Sampling point of the Clinical Diagnostics Laboratory of the USB Faculty of Science. Sampling is newly taking place next to Building C of the faculty. Register for the testing at <https://www.prf.jcu.cz/covid/index.php>. Antigen tests are not covered by health insurance and patients will receive an invoice for the amount of CZK 201 per test.

The following persons are currently entitled to 5 RT-PCR tests to detect the presence of SARS-CoV-2 per month covered by public health insurance:

- persons under the age of 18,
- persons who cannot be vaccinated against the Covid-19 disease due to a contraindication (such contraindication must be included in the ISIN system, or it must be confirmed by a medical report),
- persons vaccinated against the Covid-19 disease who have received at least one dose of the vaccine (evidence of this fact must be provided).

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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