



Dear colleagues and students,

the following conditions are currently set for the operation of higher education institutions 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 compared to the previously announced requirements (see USB website), with effect from 22 November 2021, are highlighted 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 during instruction¹ who have been vaccinated against the Covid-19 disease and no less than 14 days has passed since the completion of the vaccination scheme,
- students if seated during education 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, 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 be 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 12 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

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.



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 [HERE](#).

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 72 hours ago, if the person in question is a person:
 - under the age of 18,
 - who cannot undergo vaccination against the Covid-19 disease due to a counterindication (substantiated by a record in the ISIN system of infectious diseases, or a medical confirmation containing explicit information concerning the fact that the person in question cannot undergo vaccination against the Covid-19 disease on medical grounds),
 - who is vaccinated against the Covid-19 disease should the period of 14 days not have passed since the completion of the vaccination scheme, or a person who has not yet been administered the second dose of the vaccination substance in the case of a two-dose scheme and the final deadline set for the application of the second dose of the vaccination substance after the administration of the first dose of the vaccination substance has not passed.
- 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 24 hours ago, which applies only to the purpose of providing evidence of absence of infection when staying at dormitories;



- ~~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.~~

~~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). We would like to inform you about the temporary relocation of the Sampling point to Building A of the Faculty of Science. The temporary Sampling point is accessible from the outside of the building directly. Please register for testing at <https://www.prf.jcu.cz/covid/covid-19-antigen/index.php/>. If you do not have public health insurance in the Czech Republic, to the holders of which exemptions apply according to the current conditions – the cost of the antigen test is covered by the health insurance (see below), you will receive an invoice for CZK for the test. If there is no available spot for testing on a given day, please contact odberycov2@prf.jcu.cz.

The following persons are entitled to an antigen or RT-PCR test to detect the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 covered by the public health insurance since 1 November 2021:

- 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).

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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