Dear Students,

We want to give you a warm welcome as you start your studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences soon. We are paying special attention to our international students and our aim with all we are doing is to provide you with complete and comprehensive information necessary for the successful start of your studies. We would like to provide you with information concerning current conditions for entry of our successful applicants and students to the territory of the Czechia which have been changing in accordance with the current health situation.

GENERAL INFO AND LINKS

The Czech government applies a system of colour coding for countries to determine the safety level for health in each country. COVID-19 is more widespread in some countries than in others, so there are different colour codes for different countries. You can refer to the following website to learn more about which countries have a red or orange travel code. Please note that this list can change on a daily basis, so we advise you to stay well informed. You can find more information on the webpage of the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign affairs and Ministry of Health. The list of countries with a low risk of COVID-19 contagion is provided here (check regularly the MOI website).

- 1. If you find your country on the list of a low risk of COVID-19 contagion you need to follow only general measures (see below).
- 2. If you do not find your country on the list of countries, or their parts, with a low risk of COVID-19 contagion, the main rule states that you have an obligation to undergo a PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 after you enter the territory of the Czech Republic and to submit the test result to the regional Sanitary station within 72 hours from the entry; otherwise, a necessary quarantine measure shall be ordered. Until the PCR test result is submitted or for the duration of the necessary quarantine measure, there is a free movement ban in the Czech territory (only necessary exception as a shopping, GP/hospital visit etc.) + there is an obligation to wear respiratory protective equipment (face masks).

As of 24 August, a new protective measure of the Ministry of Health has come into effect. Newly, Spain (except for the Canary Islands) was excluded from the list of countries with a low risk of contagion of COVID-19. Also, there is a new obligation for workers, students and teachers from the countries not on the list to undergo the second PCR test 14 days after the entry to the territory.

To check required documents for entry to the Czech Republic please click <u>here</u>, the updated list of diplomatic missions reopen for acceptance of visa and residence permit applications is available <u>here</u>.

STEP BY STEP

Below you can find instructions after the arrival if you are from the high risk (red) states:

Please follow the protective measures after your arrival at the airport.

 You are obliged to take the PCR test (the most convenient place is at the <u>Václav Havel</u> <u>Airport</u>). Please be aware that tests from abroad are not valid for the territory of the Czech republic. Travellers arriving in the Czech republic from high risk countries and regions have, besides the PCR test, another option: self-quarantine for 10 days. Even if you do not have any symptoms or if you have tested negative for COVID-19 in your home country. Once in Czechia, you can self-quarantine at home or in temporary or holiday accommodation. Self-quarantine implies you will stay indoors for 10 days, have no contact with others, will not receive visitors and you will not travel locally or regionally. That also means that during those 10 days you may not come to any University buildings. Sanitary station makes random checks at students' residences. Non-compliance is strictly fined.

Immediately after your arrival contact the Sanitary station on the email address **covid-hc@hygpraha.cz** to inform of your arrival; required information you need to state in this email is: name + surname, postal address/residency in Prague, nationality, date of birth, date of arrival to Czechia and country of arrival.

- 2. Wait for the result of COVID-19 test.
- 3. Send to the email address <u>covid-hc@hygpraha.cz</u> your PCR testing result at the latest 72 hours after your arrival/testing. If you receive from the testing point any other confirmation/ document besides SMS, please add this to your email for the Sanitary station as well.
- 4. Even though you were tested negative for COVID-19 you need to be in a so-called special regime for the first 2 weeks after your arrival, i.e. doing only necessary activities such as shopping, classes, library and NOT doing other leisure activities such as going to the pubs, bars, cinemas etc.
- 5. You are obliged to retest after 2 weeks and to do the same procedure mentioned above. You need to send the result to your local Sanitary station.

For other suggested testing points see the enclosed table.

Below you can find contacts of the particular Sanitary stations depending on your residency in Prague (Prague's district where you live). That is for the case you would wait too long for the response from the Public Health Authority of the City of Prague.

	Prague district	Address	Telephone
Central office	Prague 1	Rytířská 404/12, Prague 1	296 336 700
Branch Center and West	Prague 2, 3, 7 Prague 5, 13, 16, 17	Dukelských hrdinů 347/11, Prague 7	233 087 720 233 087 758
Branch North	Prague 8, 9, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21	Měšická 646/5, Prague 9	286 883 001- 2
Branch South	Prague 4, 11, 12	Němčická 1112/8, Prague 4	241 010 346-7

Branch			
East	Prague 10, 15, 22	Rybalkova 293/39, Prague 10	271 087 144
Branch			
Nort-wes t	Prague 6	Nechanského 590/1, Prague 6	235 365 828

You can find the contacts at the Sanitary station's website here.

DORMITORIES

Students are obliged to follow hygienic measures to prevent spread of COVID-19 at the student dormitories. Please check carefully preventive measures at the student dormitories <u>here</u>, especially Directors provision 8/2020.

GENERAL MEASURES

There are hand sanitizers on the walls in each of the buildings of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Please follow the general hygienic measures recommended by the state administrative.

- Wear face masks according to the current governmental measures
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Use hand sanitizer as a disinfectant as much as possible
- Avoid crowded areas
- Keep social distancing where possible

HEALTH INSURANCE

Be aware that it is the responsibility of each student to arrange health insurance in the Czech Republic covering health care related to COVID-19 disease.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

We kindly ask our students to be considerate of other fellow students, academics and administrative staff and especially during the first days wear face masks not only at the Welcome presentations, but also to the meetings and visits of the International Office. We therefore urge you to bring a sufficient amount of face masks for your needs. There are hand sanitizers at your disposal in the office so

please use it every time while entering. Likewise, we suggest keeping distance between one another while waiting at the doors of the International office.

For updated information follow the faculty <u>website</u>.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In need of help, the student can contact Charles University using the e-mail address <u>emergency@cuni.cz</u>. For more information please visit the faculty <u>website</u>.

On behalf of the Faculty of Social Sciences we wish you a safe journey to the Czech Republic and we look forward to meeting you all soon in person.