

New emergency measures - restrictions on shops and catering facilities

The Government of the Czech Republic has taken another extraordinary preventive measure aimed at preventing the spread of coronavirus infection in the Czech Republic. From Saturday, 14 March 2020, from 6:00 to 24 March 2020 to 6:00, all stores are closed except for grocery stores, sanitary goods and drugstores, pharmacies and medical stores, petrol stations (fuel sales), glasses and contact lenses stores, computing and telecommunications equipment, consumer electronics and household products, tobacco products, small pets, feed and other pet supplies, newspapers and magazines, laundry and dry cleaning services, and sales via the Internet and other remote means.

In the same period, there is also a ban on public presence in catering establishments, with the exception of establishments not serving the public, such as catering for staff and catering for health and social service providers or prisons. Food service establishments located within shopping centers with a sales area of more than 5,000 m² will also be closed. The prohibition does not apply to sales outside catering establishments, such as fast-food outlets with a picking window, or to take-away meals without entering the facility, without time limit.