

Recommendations in relation to the COVID 19 outbreak

Concerning the recent situation about the coronavirus SARS CoV-2, we would like to inform you about the following measures that are based on recommendations of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

State of Emergency

We would like to ask you to closely monitor and consistently apply preventive and extraordinary measures and decrees adopted by the Government of the Czech Republic, which are available on the Government's website: <https://www.vlada.cz/en>.

Summarized information and recommendations from the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic on the topic are available at: <https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/en>.

Labour law related provisions

Where possible, **working from home is highly preferred**. Information about the service of the local network for home office have been provided in email by Dr. L. Beneš on 20th March. All meetings are recommended to be transformed into a videoconference (e.g. via Microsoft Teams or Skype).

In case your presence in the institute is necessary, **wear a protective mask on your face while in public places**. Wash and disinfect your hands as often as possible and in particular after touching the door handles, handrails and any surface touched by other people. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

In connection with the closure of educational institutions (schools), employees caring for a child under 10 years of age are entitled to receive **care giver's allowance**. The confirmation of the entitlement to the care giver's allowance is issued by the particular educational institution (school) that the child attends, provided that it is submitted on the relevant application form. The employee must hand over the completed form to their employer, who is responsible for its delivery (together with other necessary documents) to the relevant social security authorities.

Restrictions on the operation in the ICS CAS building

The institute main building is closed for public, including the study room of the Library of the ICS and the Gastronomic Services. Simultaneously, all popularization events, lectures and conferences are cancelled. Operation of non-scientific departments are restricted (you are informed by email).

Restrictions on the operation of the CAS Head Office

The CAS main building at Národní 1009/3 **is closed** for public, including the study room of the Library of the CAS, the Gallery of Science and Art and the Gastronomic Services Národní. Simultaneously, all popularization events, lectures and conferences are cancelled.

Activities of the CAS Head Office, the Library of the CAS and the Centre of Administration and Operations of the CAS are not discontinued. Participants in business meetings and trainings shall report to the reception where they will be informed about the rules of entry into the building. More information can be found at <http://www.avcr.cz/en/>.

Opening hours of the mailroom in the CAS main building are limited to Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For the period from 16 to 23 March 2020, **office hours of the mailroom of the CAS Head Office** are limited to Monday and Wednesday from 09:00 to 11:00 o'clock.

Additional information

Language courses in the Department of Language Studies at the Czech Language Institute of the CAS are as of 13 March 2020 **temporarily abolished**. Please follow the news related to the language courses at <http://www.langdpt.cas.cz/o-nas/index.html>. From 17 March 2020, students and educators from public as well as private universities can use temporary **online access to the digitalized collections of the National Library** and public higher education institutions through the Kramerius application.

On 17 March 2020, the Presidium of the Czech Science Foundation (GA CR) decided **to cancel all public tenders** in research, development and innovation for the support of EXPRO, JUNIOR STAR, standard and international bilateral projects, announced by GA CR on 21 February 2020 with the anticipated beginning of the implementation period on 1 January 2021. At the same time, GA CR Presidium decided on the immediate **re-announcement of all public tenders** in research, development and innovation, expecting the implementation period to begin on 1 January 2021.

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