# Czech Republic

## COVID-19 cases

On 18th September 2020 there were 41,032 registered COVID-19 cases and 482 deaths in the overall population.[[1]](#endnote-1) To our knowledge, data on COVID-19 cases, deaths, job-loss, and poverty were not disaggregated by disability.

## Emergency, lockdown, and confinement

The state of emergency in Czech Republic started on 12th March 2020[[2]](#endnote-2) and ended on 17th May 2020.[[3]](#endnote-3) People with intellectual disabilities, and people with psychosocial disabilities were exempt from wearing face masks.[[4]](#endnote-4) The Czech Republic government distributes face masks and disinfectants as a measure to supporting people as lockdown lifted.[[5]](#endnote-5)

## Involvement of organisations of persons with disabilities

DPOs advocated for the rights of persons of disabilities to government institutions, concerning the laws and measures adopted to deal with the COVID-19 emergency.[[6]](#endnote-6)

## Communications and announcements

The Ministry of the Interior published a set of videos to inform persons with various types of disabilities on COVID-19 pandemic, and videos for professionals who work with clients with information on how to communicate with persons with disabilities in emergency situations.[[7]](#endnote-7) Sign language interpretation for government communications and announcements was provided after the interventions of DPOs. The Czech National Disability Council interpreted government communications and emergency announcements for their target group.[[8]](#endnote-8)

## Institutions and closed settings

We found no information regarding cases/deaths in care homes. Nevertheless, according to the Czech National Disability Council many care home residents and staff members were affected by COVID-19. After nationwide lockdown, care home had strict guidelines regarding COVID-19 testing for new residents, resident visitation, and disinfection of premises.[[9]](#endnote-9)

## Healthcare

We found no information that indicated that there was a policy on triage and prioritization of COVID-19 treatment. Health, rehabilitation, and disability related services were suspended.[[10]](#endnote-10)

## Social protection

After the closure of day care centres, those taking care of family members with disability at home were entitled to care allowance.[[11]](#endnote-11) We found no information regarding other social protection measures.

1. WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard, Czech Republic, available at: https://covid19.who.int/table [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
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3. Government of the Czech Republic, Important information, available at: https://www.vlada.cz/cz/media-centrum/aktualne/vyhlaseni-nouzoveho-stavu-180234/ [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. FRA, Coronavirus pandemic in the EU - Fundamental Rights Implications - Bulletin 2, available at: <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2020/covid19-rights-impact-may-1> [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. Information provided by Czech National Disability Council, 18 September 2020. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. Information provided by Czech National Disability Council, 18 September 2020. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. EDF, COVID-19 response: activities of our members, available at: <http://edf-feph.org/covid19czechia> [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. Information provided by Czech National Disability Council, 18 September 2020. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
9. Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic, Up-to-date information on the COVID-19, available at: <https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/aktualni-opatreni/> [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
10. Information provided by Czech National Disability Council, 18 September 2020. [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
11. Eurofund, COVID-19 EU Policy Watch Database of National-level Responses, available at: <https://static.eurofound.europa.eu/covid19db/cases/CZ-2020-12_357.html?utm_source=externalDashboard&utm_medium=powerbi&utm_campaign=covid-19> [↑](#endnote-ref-11)