

# GUIDE FOR BUT FOREIGN STUDENTS

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## PERSONAL PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION

From 24 May 2021, personal participation in education is allowed, both during classes and examinations, including individual consultations and counseling services.

In education, with the exception of clinical and practical teaching and practice, and student examinations, there must be a distance of at least 1.5 meters between individuals.

The faculty or university institute determines which teaching or examination will take place in full-time or distance form.

## ARRIVAL FROM ABROAD

The rules for arrival from abroad [set by the Ministry](#) (the so-called protective measures) are summarized for students in [Table 1](#). The arrival form is [available here](#).

The procedure for arrival from abroad set by the university is summarized in [Table 2](#).

The same procedure shall also apply to students who have resided for more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in a country that is not on the list of countries with a low risk of Covid-19.

If a student arrives from a country neighboring the Czech Republic for less than 24 hours, he / she does not have to fill in the Arrival Form and is tested only in the manner specified by BUT (Rector's Decision No. 9/2021), ie he / she needs a test from the Czech Republic to enter BUT. This does not apply to students who come from a country other than a neighboring country and only transit through a neighboring country.

Compliance with the arrangements for arriving from abroad does not mean that it is not necessary to undergo the student testing mentioned in the chapters below.

### Exceptions

The student does not have to follow the procedure according to the above tables if he/she is arriving from countries with a medium, high and very high risk of infection and submits:

- written confirmation in Czech, Slovak or English
- from a doctor working in the Czech Republic or in another Member State of the European Union
  - that he/she has no clinical symptoms of COVID-19, has demonstrably suffered from COVID-19, has undergone isolation to the specified extent due to a positive RT-PCR test according to the valid emergency measures of the Ministry of Health or another Member State of the European Union
  - and that no more than 180 days have elapsed since the first positive result of the RT-PCR or antigen test.
    - A sample form is prepared [for this confirmation](#).

The confirmation is submitted to the study department of the faculty or university institute at which the student is studying.

Student also uploads a copy of the confirmation to the module [in the BUT Intraportal](#).

Furthermore, the student does not have to follow the procedure according to the above tables when arriving from countries with medium and high risk of infection, if he has been issued with a national certificate of vaccination against COVID-19 disease, in which:

- a) (in the case of a two-dose schedule based on the summary of product characteristics, at least 22 days but not more than 3 months after the first dose of vaccine has been administered,
- b) in the case of a two-dose schedule according to the summary of product characteristics and in the case of a second dose of vaccine not more than 9 months after the first dose of vaccine,
- c) in the case of a single-dose schedule according to the summary of product characteristics, at least 22 days but not more than 9 months after the administration of the vaccine dose.

The student uploads a copy of the certificate to the module [in the BUT Intraportal](#), in which the results of testing students for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus or SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen are registered.

#### Student's arrival in the Czech Republic for less than 12 hours

- the student does not have to comply with protective measures, but must undergo testing of BUT students described below,
- the student is obliged to announce the arrival in the Czech Republic for less than 12 hours at the study department of the faculty/department where he/she is studying.

#### Student's arrival in the Czech Republic for less than 12 hours, resp. for less than 24 hours from a country neighboring the Czech Republic

- the student does not have to comply with protective measures, but must undergo testing by BUT students described below,
- the student is obliged to announce arrival in the Czech Republic for less than 12 hours, in case of arrival from a country neighboring the Czech Republic for less than 24 hours to the study department of the faculty / component where he is studying, in case of accommodation on BUT dormitories also to the landlord's address [ubytovatelky@skm.vutbr.cz](mailto:ubytovatelky@skm.vutbr.cz),
- students from a neighboring country can come without filling in the Arrival Form and without a test for less than 24 hours, if they do not just transit through this country, to enter BUT they must be tested once in 7 days.

#### The so-called pendlers - cross-border students

- students from a neighbouring country who are not accommodated in the Czech Republic and participate in permitted full - time education or exams, and
- who, for the purpose of education, regularly and at least once a week rightfully cross the state border with the Czech Republic from a neighbouring state and back (crossing the border there and back in one day)
  - prove this fact to the study department of the faculty/department at which they study by a declaration of honour (can be sent by email).

These students must also undergo the testing of BUT students described below.

#### **STUDENTS WITH AN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP TO BUT**

Students who also have an employment relationship with BUT are tested for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 according to BUT's internal standard, which regulates the [testing of employees](#).

## CONDITIONS FOR THE ENTRANCE INTO BUT BUILDINGS

Only students have access to the buildings:

- who can personally participate in the training, see above;
- have no symptoms of covid-19 and have not been ordered quarantine or isolation, which they declare every day before entering the BUT buildings with a [solemn declaration filled in the BUT IS](#). This declaration does not need to be filled in when entering the dormitory and canteen buildings;
- and who have simultaneously undergone negative testing in the last 7 calendar days, or are exempted from the testing obligation.

Students are obliged to disinfect their hands in BUT buildings, observe the safe distance and wear a respiratory protective device (respirator).

## ACCOMMODATION IN THE HALLS OF RESIDENCE

Accommodation in dormitories is possible since May 24, 2021.

The student accommodated in the dormitories must undergo testing for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 every 7 days.

Halls of Residence and Canteen BUT employees have the right to request the accommodated foreign student to submit documents in accordance with the Rector's decisions (test results, doctor's certificate, etc.).

Students accommodated at BUT dormitories inform Halls of Residence and Canteen at [ubytovatelky@skm.vutbr.cz](mailto:ubytovatelky@skm.vutbr.cz) about trips exceeding 12 hours to countries with a medium, high and very high risk of covid-19.

No later than 24 hours after the arrival of a student from abroad at the dormitory, this student is obliged to take the test in the manner specified in the [Rector's Decision No. 9/2021](#), as amended, unless the protective measure of the Ministry of Health. for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen in the territory of the Czech Republic at a later date (in later dates) together with the restriction of free movement and the ban on entering school.

Access to the catering facilities of dormitories and canteens is allowed only to BUT students, who are obliged to prove their identity with a BUT student card when entering the catering operation.

It is necessary to point out that if a student accommodated in dormitories does not fulfill the obligation to take the test in the manner specified in the [Rector's Decision No. 9/2021](#) every 7 days, it is a gross violation of legal regulations and BUT internal standards. stipulated in the accommodation contract. This violation of legal regulations and internal standards of BUT by the student can also be resolved in disciplinary proceedings at BUT or on the components on which the student is studying, with all the consequences arising therefrom.

Other conditions of accommodation in dormitories are specified in the Rector's [Decision No. 12/2021 of the Rector of BUT](#).

## TESTING OF STUDENTS

A student accommodated in dormitories and a student who personally participates in teaching in BUT buildings must undergo every 7 days (if he/she does not have an exception from testing, see below):

- RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus, or
- POC antigen test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 antigen performed by a health service provider in the Czech Republic included in the network of sampling centres:
  - at the contractual provider of BUT, or
  - at another (public) sampling centre.
- passing a test to determine the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen, as part of the mandatory testing of employees at their employer, which is not BUT,
- passing a test to determine the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen, as part of mandatory testing at a university other than BUT or at a school or school facility.

## REGISTRATION AT THE GENERAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY

Students from EU member states are obliged to register with the General Health Insurance Company (VZP) by 30 April 2021 at the latest, if they are not already registered there.

The student submits at the VZP registration point

- The identity card,
- European Health Insurance Card,
- Certificate of study.

## BUT CONTRACTUAL SAMPLING CENTRE

The contractual sampling centre for BUT students is [MUDr. Petr Tomašík](#):

- address: Kolejní, 612 00 Brno - Královo Pole, „Podnikatelská“ stop,
- specification of the place: Premises of the lower car park of the campus (FEEC) BUT Brno, Pod Palackým Vrchem,
- the student registers the date of testing in advance in this contractual sampling centre in the [registration system](#) (click on Antigen test Brno, technology park> Testing of BUT students and employees)
- before the sampling, the student identifies him/herself by:
  - BUT student card,
  - Identity card,
  - from 1 May 2021 also a confirmation of registration with the General Health Insurance Company, if it is a student from the European Union member state.

Tests of students from EU countries registered with the General Health Insurance Company are covered by health insurance. For other students, BUT pays for the contractual sampling centre.

The foreign student's test at the contractual BUT collection is paid by BUT only once every 7 days, if the foreign student wants to undergo testing more often, he is obliged to register for such testing as a self-payer and pay for the test according to the collection center price list.

## PUBLIC SAMPLING CENTRES

It is possible to use public sampling centres anywhere in the Czech Republic, including [sampling centres in Brno](#).

Tests of students from EU countries registered with the General Health Insurance Company are covered by health insurance.

However, if a foreign student from a country outside the EU uses the services of a non-contractual sampling centre, he/she will be required to pay for the test, which BUT cannot pay for.

## REPORTING OF TEST RESULTS

In the case of a contractual BUT sampling centre:

- the result of the test performed in the contractual sampling centre is entered into the BUT IS automatically.

In the case of a public sampling centre:

- the student enters the result of the test performed in the public sampling centre into the BUT IS, namely into the relevant module in the [BUT Intraportal](#),
- the student enters into the IS:
  - the date of the test and the result of the test,
  - confirmation or protocol on the execution and result of the test or an image of an SMS or e-mail message on the test result, from which the unambiguous identification of the student will be obvious.

In the case of testing at an employer (which is not BUT) or at another school (at another than BUT):

- the student enters into the BUT IS, in the relevant module in the [BUT Intraportal](#)
  - the date of the test and the test result,
  - a [solemn declaration](#) of the test result.

## PROCEDURE IN CASE OF A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

If the test is positive, the student:

- in the case of tests from public sampling centres:
  - enters this information into the BUT IS
  - announces a positive test result to the email [karantena@vutbr.cz](mailto:karantena@vutbr.cz)
- in all cases:
  - reports a positive test result to his/her registrant of health services in the field of general practice and, where applicable, practice for children and adolescents;
  - undergoes a confirmatory RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus (issuance of the application to foreign students will be ensured on the basis of instructions from the address [karantena@vutbr.cz](mailto:karantena@vutbr.cz)):
    - whose result is also entered in the BUT IS,
    - and reports to email [karantena@vutbr.cz](mailto:karantena@vutbr.cz)

In the event that the student has been ordered quarantine or isolation (even without connection to testing at BUT), he/she is obliged to report this information to the email [karantena@vutbr.cz](mailto:karantena@vutbr.cz).

## WHO DOES NOT HAVE TO TEST

Exemption from testing applies to students who:

- have undergone laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 disease, their isolation period has expired according to the valid emergency measure of the Ministry, they do not show any symptoms of COVID-19 disease and since the first RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 or POC antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 has not elapsed more than 90 days; The COVID-19 certificate must be issued by a health service provider established in the territory of one of the EU Member States. A sample confirmation can be found at <https://www.mzcr.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/lekarskepotvrzenicovid-19medicalcertificate.pdf> or
- have a certificate issued by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic on vaccination against COVID-19 and at least 14 days have elapsed since the application of the second dose of vaccine in the case of a two-dose schedule according to the summary of product characteristics (hereinafter referred to as SPC), or at least 14 days have elapsed since the first dose of vaccine was administered in the case of a single dose schedule under the SPC;
  - Unfortunately, according to the Ministry's measures, certificates of vaccination from abroad are not acceptable documents for proving an exception to testing.

If the student is covered by any of the exceptions, he/she will enter this information into the BUT IS, namely into the module in the [BUT Intraportal](#).

## CONTACT WITH A POSITIVE TESTED PERSON, QUARANTINE OR INSULATION REGULATION

A student who is accommodated in dormitories will also report to the email [karantena@vutbr.cz](mailto:karantena@vutbr.cz):

- his possible contact with a positively tested person,
- his possible quarantine or isolation, if ordered in connection with covid-19.

## CONTACT WITH STUDY DEPARTMENTS

Students deal with their affairs with study and other departments of faculties or higher education institutions in person exclusively by telephone appointment. Ordinary study administration is handled exclusively electronically or by post.

## LIBRARIES

The schedule of libraries is regulated by a separate measure of the Ministry of Health when the functioning of libraries is gradually relaxed under the conditions of compliance with epidemiological conditions.

For current information about a specific library, please see the [BUT Library Portal website](#).