PRAGUE AIRPORT TO REINFORCE PASSENGER CHECKS ON ARRIVAL

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As per the new protective measure implemented by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic, Prague Airport, the Foreign Police of the Czech Republic and the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic will strengthen the control of the currently valid conditions for entry into the country. Together, the parties thus respond to the gradually increasing traffic at Prague Airport and the possibility to visit the country for tourist activities by foreigners. From 1 September 2021, the arrival procedure for all passengers flying to Václav Havel Airport Prague will be adjusted. Until further notice, the changes implemented at both Prague Airport terminals will affect tourists as well as citizens of the Czech Republic and the EU+ countries returning to the Czech Republic.

The airport continues to encourage passengers to thoroughly review the implemented rules in advance. Before their departure to Prague, they should have prepared, and ideally printed out, all documents, arrival forms and confirmations of non-infectivity, if required.

"We are coordinating the new model with representatives of the Ministry of Health and other security forces present at the airport. We are also increasing our personnel capacity and

reinforcing the technical equipment to speed up the entire check-in process on arrivals. Passengers can help accelerated the Czech arrival checks, too, by having reviewed the current conditions and prepared all documents in advance," Ji?í Kraus, Vice-Chairman of the Prague Airport Board of Directors, said.

The new protective measure allows more people to visit the Czech Republic for tourism reasons. However, they must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and travel from countries the certificates of which are recognised. According to forecasts, it is expected that the interest in travelling to Prague will increase, too.

In line with the new procedures, passengers will be jointly inspected upon arrival by employees of Prague Airport, members of the Foreign Police of the Czech Republic and the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic. This procedure, which will take place before passport border control at Terminals 1 and 2 alike, will not only focus on meeting all conditions for entry into the country, but also further increase the safety of passengers and airport employees.

According to the valid protective measures in place, upon arrival in the Czech Republic, it is checked whether, passengers have completed a Public Health Passenger Locator Form (http://www.prijezdovyformular.cz), are in the possession of a certificate of completed vaccination or a proof of the illness recovery in the last 180 days. Passengers can also submit a COVID-19 negative test result according to the rules in effect. However, the assessment of the situation will always depend on the specific case of the respective passenger and the destination from which they are arriving.

Passengers can find an overview of the currently valid conditions for entry into the Czech Republic on the Czech Ministry of Interior's website. Specific rules are based on the list of countries according to the degree of risk, which is regularly updated on the website of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic.

In line with additional measures in place, we strongly appeal to travellers to:

- **Mandatorily wear FFP2 respirators or alternative equally efficient protective gear while inside the airport**
- Maintain a safe distance from other travellers
- Pay increased attention to hand hygiene and use hand sanitisers regularly

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