

Information for international students & staff about health care in the Czech Republic

Health care in the Czech Republic is provided by state-run and private health care facilities. **To get health care, a valid health insurance policy must be made** (see below).

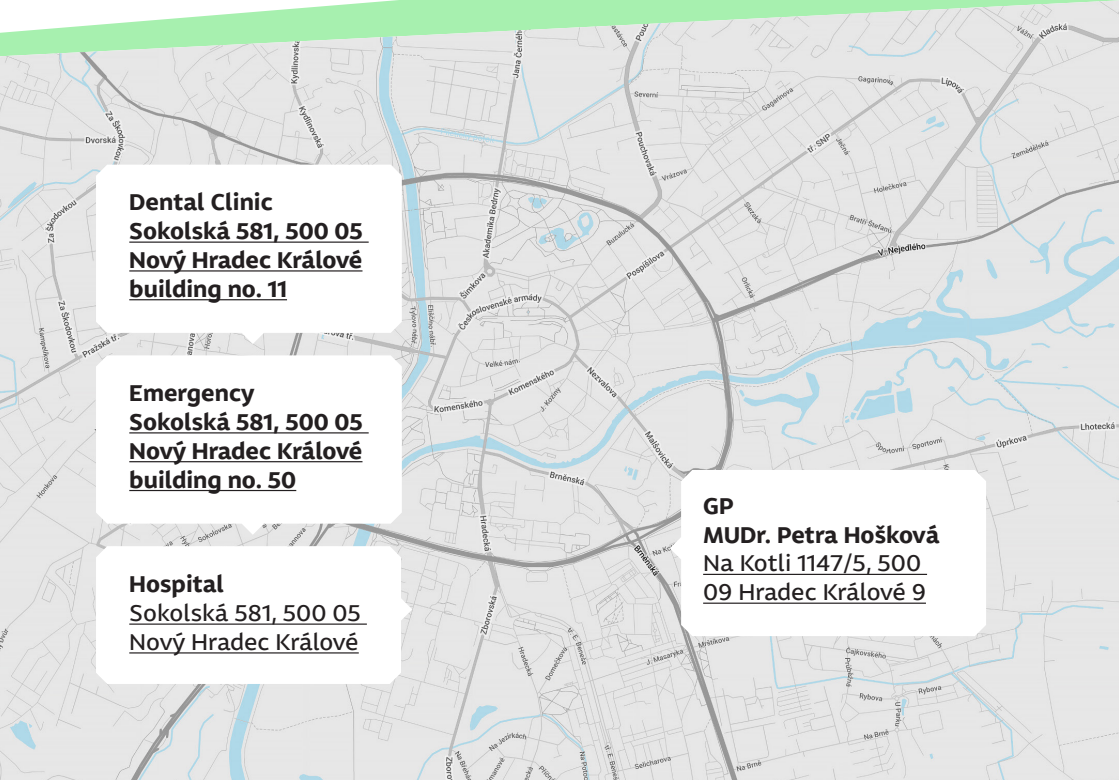
What to do if you fall ill suddenly or suffer an injury?

If you fall ill suddenly or suffer an injury out of your physician's hours, you can go to the emergency in hospital. **The nearest hospital is located not far from the University of Hradec Králové at Sokolská 581, 500 05 Hradec Králové.**

If you fall ill suddenly or suffer an injury, you can also call the emergency service (**telephone 112**), which is available all over the Czech Republic. The consultant will discuss your health condition with you by phone and if necessary, they will send a rescue squad that will provide medical services.

Cold and flu medication and other similar products can be purchased in pharmacies without a medical prescription.

Important locations:



Dental Clinic
Sokolská 581, 500 05
Nový Hradec Králové
building no. 11

Emergency
Sokolská 581, 500 05
Nový Hradec Králové
building no. 50

Hospital
Sokolská 581, 500 05
Nový Hradec Králové

GP
MUDr. Petra Hošková
Na Kotli 1147/5, 500
09 Hradec Králové 9

Infectious diseases

If a foreigner arrives in the Czech Republic and suffers from an infectious disease, or if signs of an infectious disease appear at any time during the foreigner's stay here, the **local doctor must be notified**. The doctor then notifies the appropriate Czech public health authority. Such diseases are listed in Annex 1 below.

Other duties:

- Treat the disease;
- Follow the instructions of the doctor and cooperate;
- Keep away from such disease spreading.

If a foreigner fails to meet these requirements, the consent to enter the Czech Republic or to stay there can be withheld.

Selected infectious diseases:

Anthrax	Lyme borreliosis (Lyme disease)
Avian influenza transmitted to humans	Malaria
Botulism	Measles
Brucellosis	Meningococcal diseases
Campylobacteriosis	Mumps
COVID-19	Plague
Creutzfeldt-jakob disease	Pneumococcal infection
Cryptosporidiosis	Poliomyelitis (Polio)
Diphtheria	Q fever
Echinococcosis	Rabies
Flu (Influenza)	Rotavirus infection
Gonococcal infections (Gonorrhea)	Rubella
Hepatitis A, B and C	Salmonellosis
Herpes zoster (Shingles)	Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)
Chicken-pox	Shigellosis
Chlamydia infections	Syphilis
Cholera	Tetanus
Infection caused by the West Nile Fever virus	Tick-borne encephalitis
Infections caused by Haemophilus Influenza type B/non-type B	Toxoplasmosis
Infections caused by E. coli (enterohaemorrhagic)	Trichinosis (Trichinellosis)
HIV/AIDS (Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection)	Tuberculosis
Lambliasis (giardiasis)	Tularemia
Legionellosis	Viral haemorrhagic fevers
Leptospirosis	Whooping cough (Pertussis)
Listeriosis	Yersiniosis

Health insurance in the Czech Republic

There are two forms of health insurance in the Czech Republic – public and commercial.

Public health insurance is intended mainly for:

- Foreigners with a permanent residence permit
- Foreigners – employees whose employer's seat or residence is in the Czech Republic (the employer pays the insurance)
- Citizens of EU member states (agreement with their home insurance company, refund of expenses – see below)

Commercial health insurance (travel health insurance) is a private insurance and is intended for:

- Self-employed individuals and other entrepreneurs
- Economically inactive family members of employees and/or entrepreneurs
- **Students**



Insurance of students & staff from EU member states

If you are a **citizen of an EU member state where you are insured, you have a statutory right for refund of expenses spent for health care in the Czech Republic**. You may be required to pay for the health care to the health care provider at first, and then you will be refunded the expenses in the amount, which would be paid by your health insurance company in your country.

If you are a **citizen of an EU/EEA member state or Switzerland** with which the Czech Republic has signed international treaties on social welfare, you can be treated in the Czech Republic under the same conditions as the Czech citizens and the treatment will be paid for by the Czech health insurance company. However, your national public health insurance company must give its consent in advance.

Students coming from these countries are commonly **recommended to make a commercial travel health insurance**. The travel insurance covers all expenses. The insurance companies themselves solve the refund of expenses. You, therefore, do not need to spend your money (according to the travel insurance conditions).

Insurance of students & staff from non-EU countries

For students from the third countries, requirements for travel insurance are determined by the EU Visa Code. A valid health insurance is usually one of the conditions for getting a student visa or long-term residence permit.

If you ask for a **visa and residence permit not exceeding 90 days**, you must make **commercial comprehensive health insurance** for your stay in the Czech Republic. Such insurance must cover all expenses incurred during your stay in the Czech Republic **concerning urgent health care, emergency hospital care, transfer to your home country, or death and repatriation**. Always read carefully the information in your insurance contract.

If you ask for a **long-term visa exceeding 90 days**, a long-term residence permit, or an extension of your residence permit, you must make **commercial health insurance covering comprehensive health care (i.e., comprehensive health insurance for foreigners)**. This means that you will be provided, without direct payment of treatment expenses, health care **aimed at the preservation of your health condition it was before you signed the insurance contract**. Neither the preventive nor the follow-up health care, nor the health care related to care for a pregnant woman and her delivery may be excluded from the insurance. The limit of the insurance benefit must be EUR 400,000 at least for one insured event.

Insurance of individuals with a chronic or infectious disease

If you suffer from some of chronic or infectious diseases that are subject to the duty to report, you should **carefully consider the choice of travel insurance before you leave your home country**. Find out where and under what conditions the insurance can be provided. Some insurance companies may exclude such diseases from the insurance benefit, i.e., the insurance does not cover them. In such case, Please ask your home insurance company about the possibility of such a case.

Some insurance companies offer individual exceptions, e.g., if your disease was stable in the last 6–12 months. The offers of insurance companies should be reviewed carefully in advance.

Important insurance-related information:

1. The health **may not include** insurance benefits in case of injuries suffered due to intentional conduct, fault, or contributory fault of the insured person, or injuries suffered due to the use of alcohol, narcotics or psychotropic substances by the insured person. The insurance company may require reimbursement of the treatment cost in some cases.
2. The commercial insurance **may be made only with an insurance company authorized to operate such insurance in the Czech Republic**. If such insurance is made abroad, the insurance documents, including the information about the limit of the insurance benefit and general conditions must be translated into the Czech language.
3. After the insured person arranges the travel health insurance, he/ she gets a **document evidencing the insurance. The insured person is obliged to keep such documents with them all the time.**
4. The **up-to-date valid regulations must be followed.**
5. If you **do not comply with your participation** in the health insurance as the Czech law requires, **your visa or residence permit may be denied or canceled.**

Recommendations:

We highly recommend comprehensive health insurance for foreigners from *PVZP a.s.* and *Slavia pojišťovna*.

You can arrange the insurance contract via this links:

- [**PVZP a.s.**](#)
- [**Slavia pojišťovna**](#)

More details are available in the following documents:

Act No. 258/2000 Sb., on public health protection and on changes of some related acts

No. 326/1999 Sb., on stay of foreigners in the Czech Republic and on changes of some related acts

Regulation No. 306/2012 Sb., on conditions of prevention of the development and spreading of infectious diseases

Regulation (EC) No. 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (the Visa Code)

Medical care and insurance:

<https://www.studyin.cz/live-work/medical-care-and-insurance/>

Requirements for visa/long-term residence permit purpose:

<https://frs.gov.cz/en/forms-and-documents/documents/medical-insurance/>

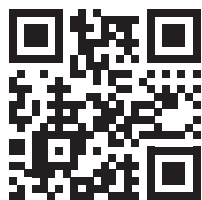
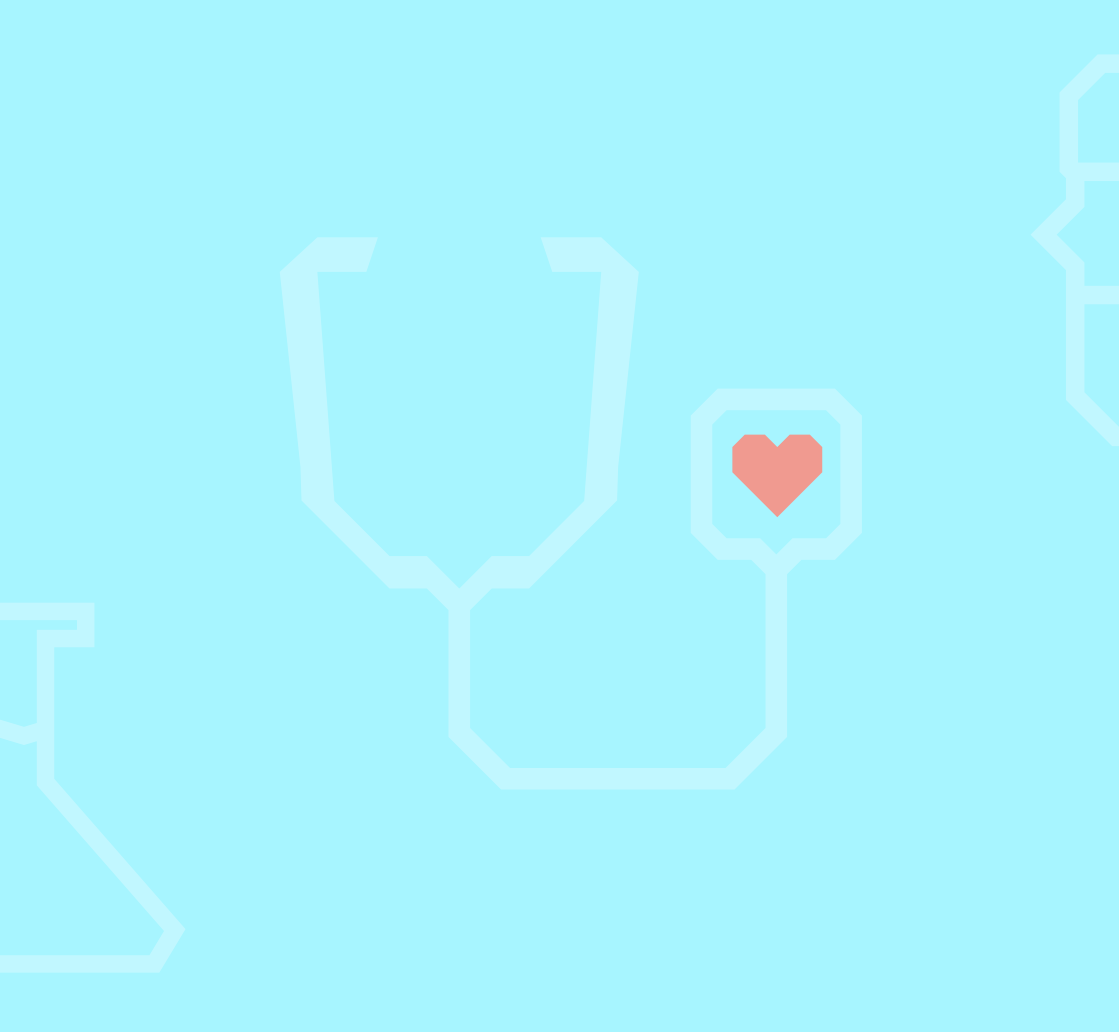
Informations for EU citizens:

https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/health/when-living-abroadhealth-insurance-cover/index_en.htm

Information for non-EU citizens:

<https://www.mvcr.cz/docDetail.aspx?docid=21672762&doctype=ART>





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